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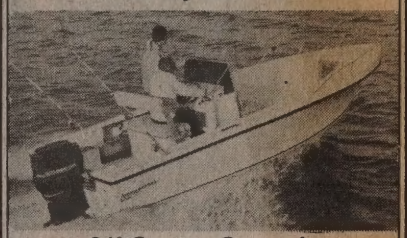

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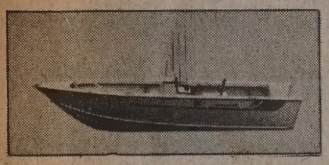

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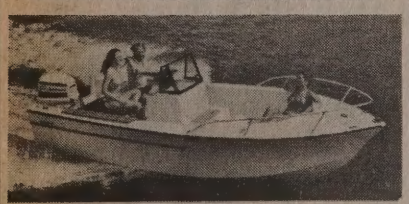

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PARKS BILL— TIME FOR ACTION!

Indeed, the time has come for us to ask our family of readers to take an important step in promoting the passage of the recently introduced Parks Bill (Assembly #A-11801; Senate #6176-B). Interested groups and individuals, including The Long Island Fisherman, have invested heavily in time and effort to see this legislation to the point where it is now. You'll recall that several months ago we asked you to write to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service to expedite the implementation of a Bluefish Management Plan. Your response to that request was very good and we have received feedback that the flood of letters received in Dover and Gloucester has made a significant impact. Congratulations on your effort and thank you. We mention this outcome on bluefish so that you will have feedback on the value of your contribution and so that you can better understand how important your phone calls and letters can be. This has been a busy winter and we will need your support this spring, perhaps to an extent that we have never needed it before. Although we hesitate to bring to your attention one important issue after another, the recreational fishing industry and recreational fishermen are, in many ways, in a unique position to accomplish much this spring. Therefore, we must ask you to write several letters in the weeks ahead in order to take positive steps to protect your fishing rights, to help guarantee places where you can fish without interference from commercial exploitation, and so that proper management of species may help to ensure there will be striped bass, bluefish, fluke, weakfish, flounder, etc., to catch in the days, weeks, and season ahead. **Every letter counts, so please do not hesitate** and do not delay!

The Parks Bill is one piece of this year's puzzle. We have worked very hard on this issue and we believe that with your support this Bill can become law this year. The essence of the legislation will be to prohibit commercial fishing within 1,000 feet of the shore at Long Island State Parks. In order to minimize the economic effects on traditional commercial fishing activities, we have urged that long-standing trap nets, such as the one at Fire Island, be exempted from this legislation. Other considerations were also given to the commercial fishing industry. Needless to say, the commercial industry objects to this legislation on Long Island, but not for reasons of logic or common sense. Instead, it is the same old story of resistance to regulation in a world in which almost everything is regulated for the common good.

The purpose of this legislation is to reduce growing social conflict in the narrow zone close to the beaches at Long Island State Parks. In recent years the rapid proliferation of inshore commercial fishing activity has caused a fast and irresponsible intrusion of commercial fishing activity at the State Parks. The result has been conflict. Fishermen have NOT been the only recreational users to be affected. Swimmers have been forced out of the water and small boat operators have been intimidated and forced to leave the waters in proximity of the State Parks. We believe the parks should be for recreational activities for all the people of the state and we do not believe that a small special interest commercial group should be allowed to force recreational users away from the parks. HELP US TO PRESERVE THE STATE PARKS FOR RECREATION...WRITE TODAY!

YOU CAN make a difference. In your letter you may refer to some of the following points:

1. This legislation is needed to reduce growing social conflict between commercial fishermen and recreational users of the state parks.
2. This legislation is needed to protect the rights of our citizens to unobstructed recreation at the State Parks.
3. The legislation will have insignificant economic impact on commercial fishermen.
4. This legislation has the support of the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the Dept. of Environmental Conservation.
5. Insist that your Assemblyman and Senator support this legislation when it comes to a floor vote.

This is important legislation for you and your family. Even if you do not fish, your rights to unobstructed swimming, sailing, and boating at the parks is being threatened by a growing intrusion of commercial fishing activity.

In order to assist you in the task of writing letters, we are providing the following lists. The first list indicates the members of the Assembly

Environmental Conservation Committee and the members of the Senate Conservation and Recreation Committee. Although these legislators may or may not represent you, we urge any and all of you eager-beavers to write to these Committee members, too, in order to help get the bill out of Committee. The addresses for these legislators are available on the second list.

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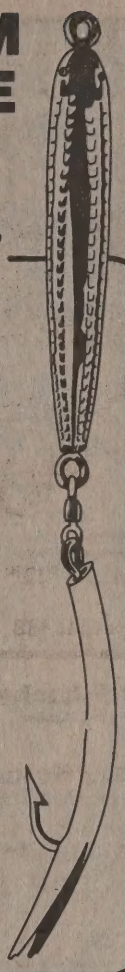

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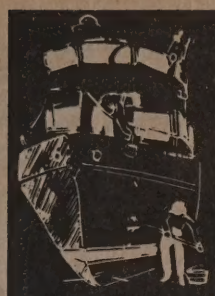

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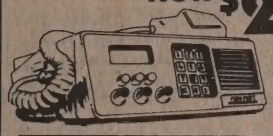

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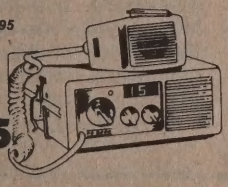

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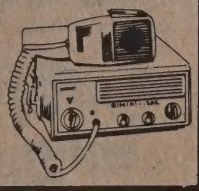

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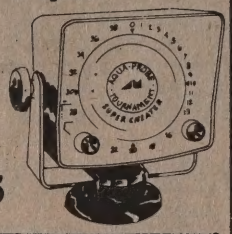

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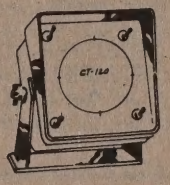

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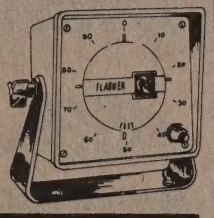

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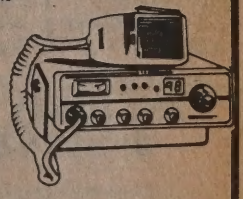

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POSITIVE ACTION IN MASS. ON STRIPED BASS MANAGEMENT

On April 1st, the State of Massachusetts, which banned the netting of striped bass long ago, decided to eliminate its bag limit of 4 bass per day between 16" and 24", and implement a clear-cut 24" minimum. Indications are that this significant management step will go into effect on or before May 1st.

Prior to reaching this decision, several emotionally charge public hearings were held. Reportedly, opponents to this measure were highly vocal at these meetings, but a greater number of resource users expressed deep concern for the future of this dwindling fishery and worked tirelessly in support of this proposal.

Supporters of this measure have cautioned that if other states, most notably the do-nothing states of New York and Rhode Island, fail to implement effective management this year, it will be extremely difficult for Massachusetts to hold to a 24" minimum in 1983.

To date, in response to the recommendation of the Interstate Striped Bass Management Project, 3 states have instituted a 24" minimum in all waters, a fourth in coastal waters, and there are indications that two other states are likely to do so this year.

In view of the progress taking place elsewhere, one must ask: when will New York clean up its act, banning the "dirty" fisheries, those methods which are totally non-selective, from use in near-shore waters? Then and only then will New York be in a

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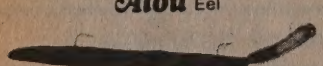

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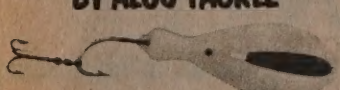

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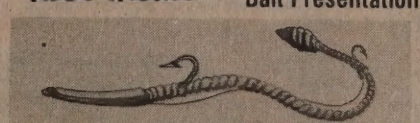

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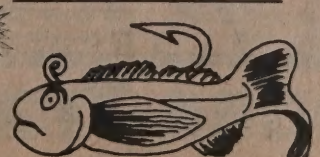

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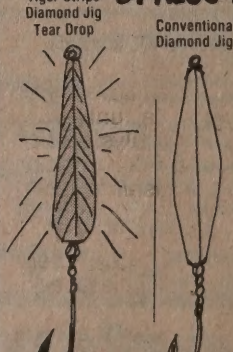

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Most Released Pts: Joe Augeri
Largest Striped Bass: Bill Silletti, 36 lbs.
Largest Bluefish: Ed Wolfe, 15 lbs.
Largest Weakfish: Joe Augeri, 12½ lbs.

The success of the Dance was due in large part to the excellent food provided by the Baron DeKalb and the music of "Personal Touch." The Club wishes to thank all those members and their guests for their fine show of support.

STRIPERS UNLIMITED SEEKING CLASSIFICATION ON CHESAPEAKE STRIPERS

The Department of Commerce, in answer to the Stripers Unlimited petition to have the Chesapeake Bay strain of striped bass classified as threatened or endangered, has sent the petition and documentation to the various states involved and to the National Marine Fisheries Service for review. They will then decide whether there is enough substantial evidence to support our contention that this strain is threatened with extinction.

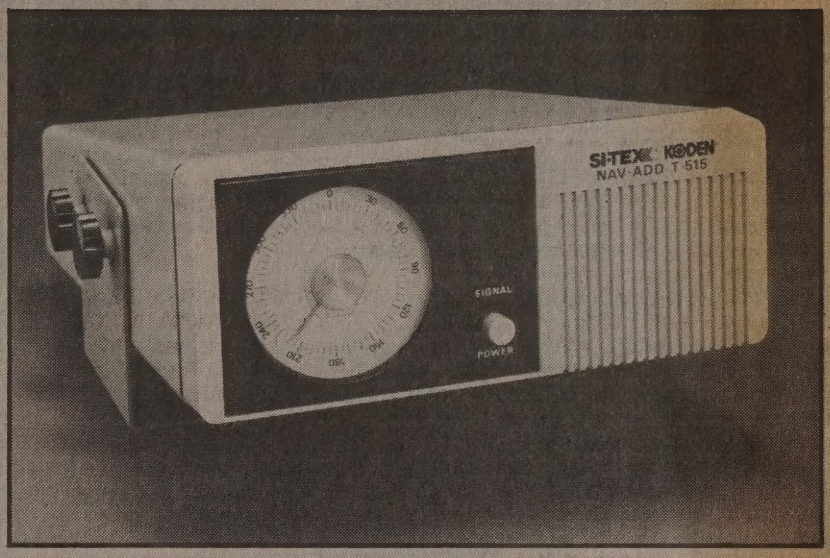
Stripers Unlimited has not taken this step lightly, but after 12 years of observation and study and after exhaustive efforts to have the coastal states involved take the necessary steps to preserve and protect this unique strain from further precipitous decline.

The Board of Directors, almost all of whom are avid striper fishermen, is composed of 13 members: a biochemist, now a charterboat captain; 3 biologists; an author, who is a former commercial fisherman; an advertising executive; 2 lawyers; a university professor; a marketing analyst; a fish marketing executive; a fishing tackle manufacturers and a fishing tackle executive.

Despite the heavy harvest of jumbo stripers this past fall, the future of our migratory stocks from Chesapeake Bay looks very dim.

Between 1970 and 1980 the total U.S. commercial landings have dropped from 11,186,000 lbs. in 1970 to a low of 4,536,000 lbs. in 1980. The measure of the fishing pressure on the stocks is seen in the fact that the value of the catch has increased from $2,528,000 in 1970 to $4,902,000 in 1980. As long as the market price remains high, the pressure will continue to mount.

Between 1970 and 1979, the commercial catch in Maryland has



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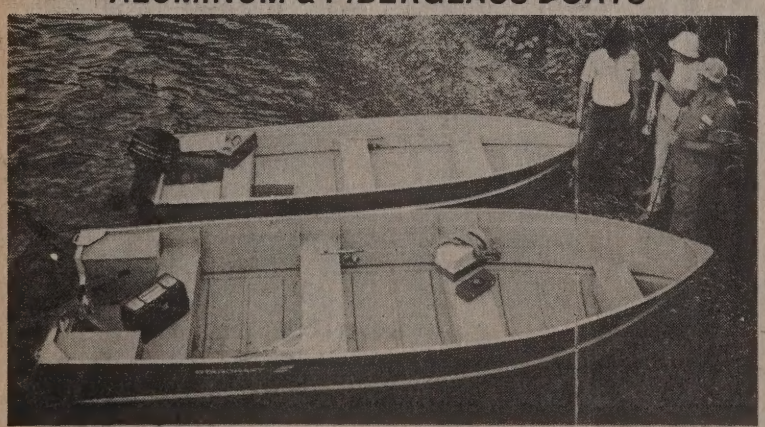

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declined from a high of 3,978,000 lbs. in 1970 to a low of 773,000 lbs. in 1979.

The young of the year survey in Maryland has declined drastically in the last few years, from 30.4 stripers per haul in 1970, the last dominant year class, to an **all time** low of .9 stripers per haul in 1981.

Probable causes of this drastic decline include loss of viability of the eggs due to pollution of the habitat by toxic chemicals and heavy metals and to deterioration and loss of critical habitat. Some consider the drop in striper reproduction a cyclic event.

No matter what the cause, some measures must be taken immediately in order to avert fishing this migratory stock to extinction. The Chesapeake Bay strain is essential to our migratory population. According to some scientists, this stock makes up over 80% of the migrating striper stocks along the Atlantic Coast.

Since we no longer have the long, free flowing rivers necessary for other strains of striped bass, the Chesapeake Bay strain, with its unique floating egg, is essential if we wish to start self-perpetuating stocks in the rivers of the northeast.

The fishing pressure on these fish has increased greatly over the past few years, both by commercial fishermen and by so-called sportsmen. More sophisticated electronic gear and greatly increased catch per unit effort has resulted in a decimation of both the large breeders and the young fish just entering the fishery.

It must be remembered that the poundage of the coastal catch does not reflect a true picture of number of fish caught, because in earlier years, the poundage consisted mainly of smaller fish. At present, the average fish caught weighs over 20 lbs.

What is needed, and immediately, is some control on the harvesting of the rapidly declining brood stock and it is apparent that only Federal controls can prevent the chaos that presently reigns. There needs to be a moratorium on the sale of striped bass in order for the stocks to recover and thus preserve this important gene pool.

These are the reasons we feel that putting the Chesapeake Bay striper stocks on the endangered or threatened species list is a necessity at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA

The National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has announced that public hearings will be held to receive comments on proposed regulations governing the Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery. Numerous changes in the existing regulations are proposed to provide a reasonable mechanism for managing the fishery consistent with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). Fishing for Atlantic bluefin tuna for two years in

the western Atlantic Ocean would be limited to 1150 tons needed to monitor the status of the stock.

Implementation of this recommendation will reduce the annual quota for U.S. fishermen significantly.

Proposed regulations are presently being developed and will be published in The Federal Register prior to the hearing dates.

Public hearings will be held at the following places and times:

April 26, 1982, 7PM-9:30PM, Holiday Inn, Rt. 36, West Long Branch, NJ 07764; 201-229-9000.

April 27, 1982, 7PM-9:30PM, Holiday Inn of Riverhead, Rt. 25, Riverhead, NY 11901; 516-369-2200.

Further comments will be received by the Northeast Regional Director until May 19, 1982, at NMFS, 14 Elm St., Gloucester, Mass. 01930.

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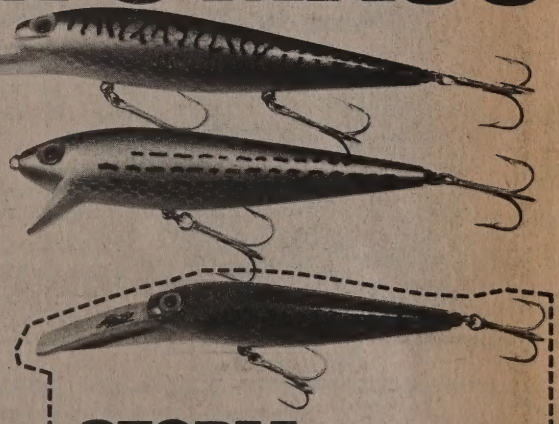

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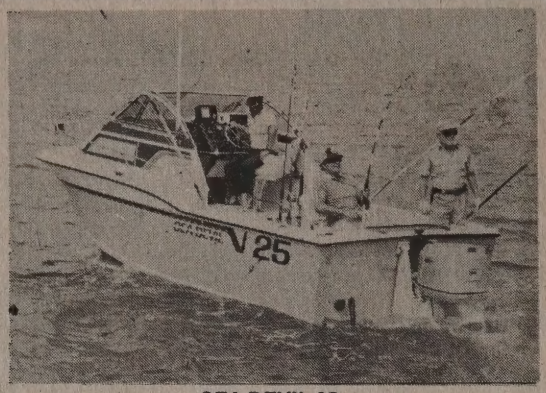

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In this age of dwindling natural resources, we are once again faced with a crisis. We must all begin to realize that the earth does not supply an endless bounty to be ravaged at will. History reminds us of our wanton abuse of our natural resources. At one time, no one even thought the passenger pigeon would be remembered only in pictures and taxidermists' re-creations. But in reality, it was wiped out in short order. When the last one is gone, that's it; we can't make any more. Man has a way of taking things for granted, but no more. We must become involved and concerned. At this moment, the bluefish is a very abundant resource enjoyed by sportsmen up and down the entire East Coast. It is sought after by every type of fisheran—be it surf, private, charter and party boats. If any one fish can be responsible for a successful fishing season for untold small businesses, it is the bluefish. Millions of dollars are spent annually in the pursuit of this fish. If it weren't for the bluefish, many charter and party boats would be hard pressed to stay in business. We have already seen what effects overfishing by commercial interests have had on tuna, fluke and striped bass, just to mention a few. It is time to turn this around and make a stand to protect a resource which we all have a right to enjoy. I, for one, do not want to see the bluefish follow in the footsteps of the tuna and striped bass. If we give the commercial interests a free hand in harvesting bluefish, we will all pay dearly in the near future. What is going to stop the commercial fishermen repeating what they have done to so many other fish stocks? The writing is on the wall; we must act now. We need an effective bluefish management plan—and we need it now. *Pete Jahits.*

SORRY, AL!

In regard to Al Ristori's article on the long distance traveler in Issue #50, I found an error that should be of interest to all fishermen. He states that a hat must be worn in the tropical sun, and then he gives a reason why it is hotter in the Tropics. His explanation is all wrong. Sorry, Al.

The distance from the earth to the sun has absolutely nothing to do with how hot it is. In fact, the sun is closest to the earth in January, and furthest in July. The reason why it is hotter is because of the angle at which the sun's rays hit the earth.

If you took two beams of sunlight that were the same exact size and focused one beam at the Equator and

the other at our latitude (41°N), you would see that the same energy is concentrated in a much smaller area of land at the Equator than at 41°N. This makes the intensity of the sunlight greater as you get closer to the Equator. Whatever the reason may be, however, a hat still should be worn.

I just thought I'd pass on this little tidbit of info. Maybe it will spark some interest. After all, in order to fish safely and productively, we fishermen should know as much about the weather as we can. *Robert Braun. I think you are misunderstanding Al Ristori just a bit here. Al has been around for awhile and he has fished any number of places on this globe. He wasn't trying to give an astronomy lesson, but simply offering a sound suggestion for anyone who plans to fish in the tropical sun. In fact, I'd use that same advice for summer fishing here on Long Island. Scientists know that excessive exposure to direct sun can lead to heat prostration, heat stroke, severe sunburn, and even skin cancer. With this knowledge, we shake our heads in disbelief when we see some young lovely in a bikini bake herself deep red day after day until she's the color of coffee. Maybe that's why they say that youth is wasted on the young!?? Thanks for your astronomy lesson and, in fact, you are quite correct. It is indeed the angle of the sun's ray that are the key to world-wide climate regions. Wear that hat this summer, now!* Dr. W.A. Muller.

LOYAL TO LONG ISLAND

Sirs, I am sending in my renewal with a note of protest. I am a Long Island Fisherman, in that over the last few years I have fished Long Island exclusively. I have not fished R.I., Mass. or other state areas. Your publication is supposed to be for our area and your articles do stay within our bounds. But I was disappointed when your fishing awards were given out and many of the awards, especially in the surf fishing category, were for fish from other states. First, I believe that being the *Long Island Fisherman*, all awards should be for fish caught on and about Long Island. Secondly, there should be a separate division for bait and plug fishing. Do you honestly believe that tossing a live eel in the Mass. surf and catching a large bass, can anywhere near compare to catching a large bass under Montauk Light, at North Bar or standing atop weakfish wreck with a strong tide running? If you do, you are sadly mistaken. *I have done both* and there is no comparison. I found I would rather catch one bass or blue from Montauk than ten from Cape Cod. By the same token, catching fish on a plug is harder and much more rewarding. Thank you for listening. I know many people who feel as I do. *Joseph T. Borgon, Bohemia, N.Y.*

Well Joe, first things first. Fisherman Publications *presently includes a total of three magazines of which LIF is one.* The Fisherman, *covering New Jersey and DelMarVa, and* The New England Fisherman *are the other two. Our contest is open to all FISHERMAN subscribers, hence the reason behind some of the winners coming from places other than Long Island. You might note, too, that LIF subscribers dominated the awards by winning 18 of the 30 categories.*

Your suggestion of a separate bait and surf category is not without merit, especially to those of us who thrill to taking bass, blues and weaks on artificials.. The idea becomes impractical in any kind of a contest setting, however, because there is no way to verify whether a fish was taken on a plug or bait.

Lastly, we agree that taking a "good" fish on a plug is both more difficult and more satisfying, but let's give credit where credit is due. Bass of 69½ lbs. and 73 lbs. from the surf are a remarkable feat under any circumstances.

And just for the record, one of my own personal goals in this game of fishing is to take a bass over fifty from "under the light." There are many other casters out there, though, who consider even fishing the light insanity. Still others consider fishing weakfish rock "cheating" in the same sense you view bait fishing. To each his own. Good luck in '82. Fred Golofaro.

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CUSTOMIZE YOUR CHARTS

by Capt. Jerry McGrath

The prospect of astronomically high-cost charts within two years, makes this project a very worthwhile investment.

All too often my nautical charts have taken on the physical characteristics of Captain Bligh's original charts to Tahiti. That is, they have become yellowed, torn, wrinkled, and consequently, very difficult to read. As a result, I have replaced my charts regularly every two years. I have always felt that this effort cost me unnecessary time and money. I have also found it frustrating and downright dangerous to plot or read a course during adverse weather conditions. Frequently, my focus on those tiny Loran numbers is seriously interrupted during the cresting of an oncoming wave. Recently, I found a way of alleviating many of these difficulties. My new charts are easier to read, less apt to be wrinkled, easier to stow away, and very weather resistant. If this appeals to you, I suggest that you follow the route that I have taken in customizing my nautical charts.

Let's start with the materials and equipment you will need: nautical chart of your area; flat surface to work on; scissors or paper cutter; pencils; yardstick or meterstick; parallel rulers; compass (circle); fine point markers (colors—black, light blue, purple, green, yellow, red); transparent contact paper; and transparent tape (heavy duty type).

For all practical purposes, it is easier to work from a smaller size chart than one that stretches half the beam of your vessel. Therefore, the first thing you should determine is whether or not you need the entire chart. For instance, at Montauk, where I fish during the summer and fall, I found that on the offshore 12300 chart, it was unnecessary to include areas of the New York Bight since I rarely fish west of Shinnecock Inlet. Thus, I eliminated that area altogether by cutting it out. A few words of caution: if you cut out areas, be sure to leave at least one compass rose (for magnetic courses) and a column of latitude numbers (for measuring distances). Also, be sure to choose the Loran C side of the chart as the usable side. The Omega side is impractical for the average boatman.

Next, you should highlight original chart information. Go over the contour lines with a light blue or black fine point marker. This will help you more easily identify depressions, curves, fingers, etc. I must emphasize that, as simple as it may seem, once this task is completed, the serious fisherman will be able to study and understand more readily why certain areas produce more fish than others. The original contour lines in their existing print do not emphasize this information clearly enough. After you have darkened the contour lines, label each line with their appropriate depths in fathoms or feet and then circle each number in black. I chose to place these labels every 5'' to 6'' (east to west) for easy reading (Chart 1).

Wrecks should be identified in yellow. Look for the various wreck

Chart 1 (part of Montauk Offshore Chart 123000): Depths are indicated in fathoms. Fathom lines and curves are darkened and labeled with their appropriate circles numbers. First distance marker is 30 miles with 20 mile intervals thereafter.

symbols on your chart and draw a yellow circle around each symbol. Label in black the name of each wreck (if known). By doing this, it becomes particularly helpful in planning potential codfishing trips. Of course, keep Loran wreck numbers on separate cards for when they are needed.

Loran lines become more easily identified by adding duplicate numbers to the existing lines. Numbers every 5'' to 6'' eliminate the problem of having to unfold or unroll the chart unnecessarily. Be sure to stick to the same color scheme as is on the chart. Also, doubling the original size of the numbers makes for easier locating.

Adding magnetic courses to your chart taken from a frequently used departure point will be of aid to you in navigating your craft safely to and from that departure point. They're not good for navigating between Uncle Chester's Watering Hole and the Albatross Shoal unless one of these points is your departure point. Also, remember that compass deviation has not been taken into account.

Start with the magnetic cardinal headings (N,E,S,W). With a pencil, a set of parallel rulers, and a yardstick or meterstick, draw in these headings to the edge of the chart or to a point of land. Label each line. Do the same for the intercardinal headings (NE,SE, SW,NW).

Now, pick an appropriate distance interval from the departure point. This could be distance of 5, 10, 20, or 30 miles. Using a (circle) compass, measure that distance from the correct position on the latitude scale (1° = 60 nautical miles; 1' = 1 nautical mile) and draw a dotted line circle (distance marker) around the departure point. Then, extend the compass another interval and draw another dotted line circle. Proceed until you have the desired number of distance markers. On the second or third marker you may have to improvise using some other circle-making device such as a tack, string, and pencil. A meter stick, pencil, and a good eye will also suffice in most cases. Label each circle according to its distance from the departure point.

With the distance markers drawn, record the remaining magnetic courses. Do this by drawing double pointed arrows at 10° intervals just before each circle. At the arrow points, print each magnetic course with its reciprocal heading. After all lines, circles, and arrows have been penciled in, I suggest that you go back and check the accuracy of all your work thus far. A careless error can be very frustrating and costly once this information is marked in ink. All headings and distance markers should be inked in with red or a combination of red and black.

The concluding step of this project is to cover with a transparent self-adhesive covering. Clear contact paper works well. If your pocketbook allows, an alternative is to have your chart professionally covered by a commercial laminator. Regardless of the method, it is important to carefully plan out how your chart will be folded. Factors to be considered are the size of the area most frequently fished and the size of the area in which you store your chart. The latter should be of prime consideration for center console fishermen. Chart 1 indicates the size of the area in which I fish most frequently and, therefore, I planned my folding pattern so that this area is always at the top of the fold. I also took into consideration the size of my vessel's chart compartment. All of my charts fold to less than 11'' in width.

Once you have decided on the folding patterns, cut your chart accordingly. Scissors, a yardstick or meterstick, and a pencil will accomplish this task adequately. However, a paper cutter will be more efficient. I do not recommend that you use the longitude or latitude lines as the cutting guide lines. Mark off a separate lightly penciled line as your cutting guide. Once the chart is cut, cover both sides with the contact paper. Patience is important when applying this paper to the chart. You want to avoid creasing and bubbling. A flat surface is necessary to apply correctly.

After the covering is applied, piece the chart back together at the seams. This is accomplished by using strips of heavy-duty 2'' weatherstripping tape obtainable in any hardware store. When piecing, it is important to plan which side the tape is to be placed on (front or back). In some cases it might be necessary to place some strips on the front and some on the back, depending on the folding pattern. However, don't try placing the tape on both sides at the same seam because it will become too stiff to fold.

When finished, your chart will have some definite permanency to it. It will resist those sudden summer squalls, as well as give any Loran owner a quick fix in locating his position at any time. As a former center console fisherman, I can attest to its value in instantly providing a return court home, especially after a full day of drifting or trolling offshore. A customized chart is like a customized boat. It takes a little extra planning and effort, but its value and convenience will be proven many times over.

Chart 2 (part of the montauk Inshore Chart 13205): Depths are indicated in feet. On this chart distance markers are placed every 5 miles.

DANCE A JIG FOR FUN

by Capt. Ron Onorato

When sandeels swarm in the waters surrounding Block Island, tube and jig combos wreak havoc on cod and pollack.

One of the more heralded events to occur each spring, and one that is very eagerly awaited by scores of local fishermen, is the start of the spring run of cod and pollack at Block Island. As we rapidly move along through the 80s and we see many of our local fisheries dwindle either through some sort of domestic management, or just plain decline in the species, it is very refreshing to see that at least in some areas, our local fishing for cod and pollack seem to be in very healthy shape. Due in no small part to the restriction placed on domestic and foreign cod fishing from the 200-mile limit law, both the cod and pollack fishing along the East Coast has rebounded to dramatic levels.

After an extended period of poor to fair codfishing throughout the early and mid-70s, things started to pick up gradually each successive winter and spring. This winter past saw codfishing return to almost the "good old days." The fish were plentiful, and they were spread over quite a large area of water. All this points to a very healthy spring fishery for the codfish. pollack, on the other hand, can very easily pull a disappearing act from spring to spring, regardless of the quality of the fishing the previous year. However, the juvenile stock of pollack look very healthy. Reports from Massachusetts and Rhode Island point to tremendous numbers of year-old pollack, and this summer, Block Island hosted schools of harbor pollack like never before; so it looks real good for both species this year.

The thing that separates the springtime fishing at Block Island from codfishing in other areas of Long Island is the manner in which the fish can be caught. To most people, codfishing means sitting on the open bottom and cracking a couple of bags of skimmer clams or sitting on a wreck. Either way, the accent is on the use of skimmer clam as the prime bait for cod. When you fish around Block Island, there is a new dimension to the cod and pollack fishing that is not seen in many areas elsewhere. In fact, when conditions are right, the skimmer clam takes second place to the diamond jig/tube combination.

One of the biggest attractions and what is probably responsible for assuring good fishing each spring for cod and pollack, is the quantity of sand eels that are in the area. Although cod and pollack will eagerly take a skimmer clam under most conditions, when the sand eels are plentiful, the jig and tube combo is the thing to use.

Although the fish sometimes tend to overlap, the cod and pollack peak at different times of the year. Good codfishing tends to get under way around the end of March and will get stronger throughout the month of April, peaking sometime towards the end of the month. Pollack, on the other hand, will just start to show up in April, and the best fishing is sometimes found in May. For the past couple of years, there was some pretty decent pollack fishing during the first week of June. The cod have seemed to be a little on the small side, with the bulk of the fish averaging 5-8 lbs., with a fewer bigger fish. The pollack, though, have tended to be all big stuff with plenty of 25-30 lb. fish.

The key to the successful cod and pollack fishing is thereby controlled to a large degree by the movement of the sand eels throughout the area of Block Island. Sand eels are sometimes found in water as shallow as 50', which, at times, is within a mile of Block Island, or they can be found in water as deep as 90' or 100' which would put you about four miles off the Island. Without a doubt, a good paper recorder is essential for locating both the sand eels and the fish. Many times, and this is especially true of pollack fishing, only the sand eels will mark up on the paper. I have had many occasions where I marked clouds of sand eels both on the top and on the bottom, not mark any fish—yet slaughter the pollack. It's reasonably safe to say that once you locate a batch of bait, the cod and pollack will not be too far away. In addition to looking around with the machine, it's helpful to watch for sea gulls and terns picking on the surface, especially closer to the beach. When schools of bait are really dense, it is not uncommon to see the sand eels on the surface. Of course, it is helpful to have several boats fishing in the same general area so that way more ground will be covered. Pollack do not mark very easily on the machine unless

Author shows off a 39 lb. pollack taken on a jig south of Block Island.

they are dense and close to the bottom in tight schools. Cod, on the other hand, are very easy to pick up with the machine since they often tend to school tightly and are generally found pretty close to the bottom.

Now common sense tells us that when fish are feeding on sand eels, the thing to use would most normally resemble a sand eel. Since for the most part the water you're going to be fishing is deep and tides very fast, something that will be able to probe the depths and stay close to the bottom will be the most effective item. This brings us to the two things that will fit the bill: the diamond jig and the sand eel jig. It's hard to say which would be more effective, since they both work very well at times.

Whichever jig you use, the work-horse sizes will be the 6 and 8 oz. models. When the drift is on the slow side, then a 6 oz. jig will be used. When the drift is very fast—and this is most of the time—the 8 oz. jig will be called in use. My own personal preference is the Tri-Fin sand eel jig which looks more like a sand eel than the sand eel itself. The most effective color is the natural color. Sometimes the chromed diamond jig will outfish the sand eel jig, especially on bright sunny days. Whatever your choice, it pays to have both items handy in several sizes and colors.

The plain unadorned jig will take fish, but by far and away, the effectiveness of the rig lies with the addition of a small tube lure a foot or so ahead of whatever jig you may choose to use. The rig itself can be made in just a couple of seconds. You take a 3' length of 50 lb. monofilament and about halfway up make a loop in it. To this loop add a small size surge tube lure about 6/0 or 7/0 in size. To the other end of the leader, add a small barrel swivel to prevent line twist, and on the remaining end goes the jig you're using. Very simple, and very deadly.

The jig will take about 10% of the fish you hook; while the tube will account for the remainder. Sometimes it's almost a 100% catch rate on the

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George Oliver unhooks a big pollack. Note green tube fished ahead of jig.

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TYING YOUR FIRST DRY FLY

Part Four—*by Art Michaels*

The first time I fished a homemade bivisible—sloppy tying job that it was—I caught eight brown trout to 16''. It was the first bivisible I'd ever tied, made by winding hackles on the hook one right after the other and then winding a few turns of white hackle at the head.

The bivisible was invented 84 years ago by E.R. Hewitt of New York City. He named the fly ''bivisible'' because in addition to the trout seeing the fly, the white collar also allowed the fisherman to see the fly clearly.

The bivisible is a great first dry fly for novice tyers: it's easy to tie, and it's effective. A bivisible does not represent any specific insect, but it's an effective fish getter because the fish often take it as an imitation of many different insects. Here are five steps to tying a bivisible.

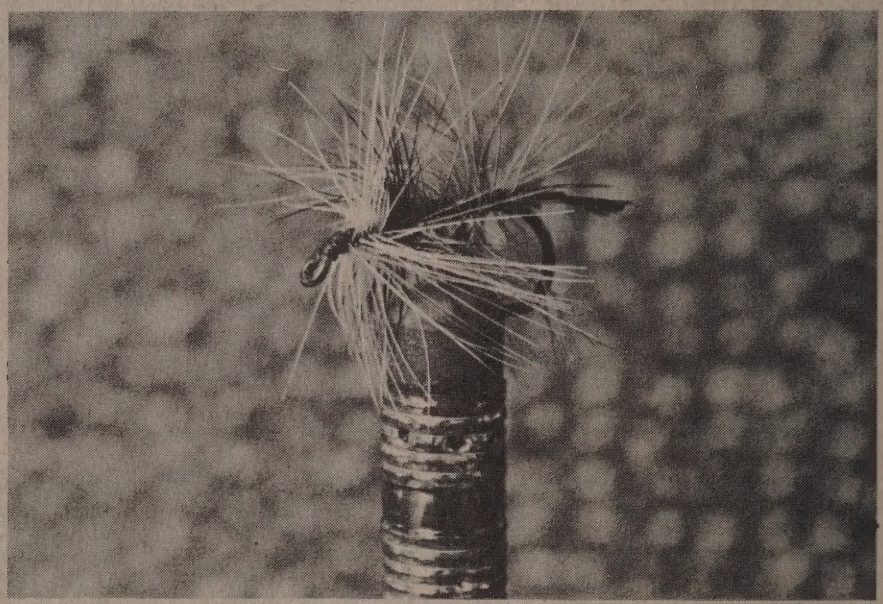
Step #1: Use 4/0 black thread, and anchor it to a size 12 or 14 hook. A Mustad #94833 or an Eagle Claw #59 is a good choice. I also tie these flies on barbless dry fly hooks, like Mustad's #94847, especially when I go after panfish.

Step #2: A tail on a bivisible isn't absolutely necessary, but it greatly helps prop up the fly and balance it on the water. Cut a few fibers from a brown medium rooster neck hackle, and tie them on for a tail.

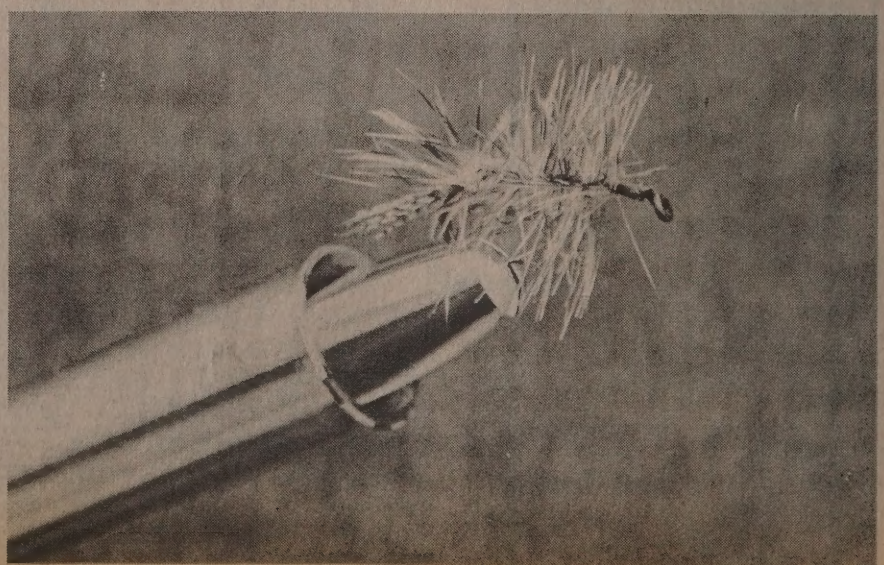
Step #3: Select three or four brown dry fly hackles and prepare them for tying by cutting off the webbing at the butt. With your thumb and index finger, stroke the hackle toward the butt so that the fibers stand out perpendicular to the stem.

Step #4: Tie on the first hackle and wind it up the shank. Make the turns tight against each other. As you tie on each hackle, wind the thread around the hackle turns for extra strength, and with your bodkin, poke free any fibers you may tie down. Secure each hackle with a half-hitch before tying in the next one.

Step #5: When you wind the hackle about 3/4 the length of the shank, tie in a collar of white hackle, and finish off the fly with a series of half-hitches or a whip finish knot. Coat the knot with cement.



This is a white-collared bivisible. Trout take this fly for a variety of insects, so I often fish it as an all-purpose fly, especially when I can't identify any specific hatches or insects the trout are taking.



This hackle fly is related to a bivisible because all you do is tie it in one color without the white hackle at the head. Along with bivisibles, I tie these in brown, black and grizzly. In addition to trout, these flies are often deadly on panfish such as sunnies. If you get up to the Delaware, they're especially effective on the resident population of long-ear sunfish.

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

(1) MOST SHARK ATTACKS TAKE PLACE IN LESS THAN FIVE FEET OF WATER BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE BATHERS ARE. A SWIMMER WOULD BE SAFER IN DEEPER WATER....
TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

(2) USING THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE HOOK FOR THE JOB AT HAND OFTEN PRODUCES MORE HOOKED FISH THAN WOULD A LARGER HOOK.
TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(3) DIVING PLUGS ARE FORMED IN MODELS WHICH...
A-FLOAT AT REST ☐ C-SUSPEND AT REST ☐
B-SINK AT REST ☐ D-EACH OF THESE ☐

(4) FISHING FOR TROUT IS USUALLY BETTER WHEN THE BAROMETER IS RISING ☐
FALLING ☐

(5) WHAT IS REMARKABLE ABOUT THE GIANT SQUID'S BASKETBALL SIZE EYES? GIANT SQUID SHOWN BATTLING HERE WITH HIS ONLY ENEMY, A SPERM WHALE.

BY FRED GUARDINEER

(6) MANY TROUT FISHERMEN WEAR FELT HATS WITH TROUT FLIES STUCK IN THE HAT BAND AND I HEARD THIS NATIONWIDE CUSTOM WAS STARTED BY A LADY. WHO WAS SHE, A READER ASKS?

1-FALSE. STATISTICS SHOW THAT A BATHER *INCREASES* HIS CHANCES OF ATTACK THE FARTHER HE SWIMS FROM SHORE. 2-TRUE. 3-D. 4-RISING. 5-THEY ARE THE LARGEST EYES OF ANY ANIMAL. 6-CORNELIA "FLY ROD" CROSBY, A MASTER FLY CASTER, CRACK SHOT AND HUNTER WHO HELD MAINE GUIDE LICENSE NO. 1 IN THE 1870'S. WHEN TROUT FISHING SHE STUCK FLIES INTO A FELT HAT WHICH SHE WORE TO PREVENT HER HAIR FROM CATCHING ON STREAMSIDE BRUSH. IT BECAME HER FAMOUS TRADEMARK.

FISHERMAN PROFILE:

HISTORY OF A SLEEPING GIANT

by Dick Mermon

This "giant" of the fishing tackle industry has grown along with the sport itself. Its growth is a history of fishing in America.

FISHERMAN: You know Dick, the introduction of the Ugly Stik by Shakespeare really stimulated a lot of interest among fishermen in the history of the company. You see, many of today's fishermen still remember the early products and if they are too young, then perhaps their fathers told them about the early rods and reels. Yet, it seems that until this decade the company was very quiet and maintained a low profile. We talked about this story before, and you told me many interesting things that I'll bet will interest our readers.

MERMON: You're right when you say that Shakespeare has had something of a low profile until this decade, but to appreciate this, you need to know something about the history of the tackle industry in general and also the specific history of Shakespeare.

In the century past, the fishing tackle industry within the United States has played host to numerous foreign and domestic tackle firms; watching them emerge, prosper, and suddenly vanish with time. Each generation of anglers finds themselves confronted by one or two of these "here today, gone tomorrow" type manufacturers. Yet, there remains an American company with an astonishing growth that is 84-years-old and has only raised the eyebrows of saltwater anglers the past decade.

In 1896, William Shakespeare, Jr., a jeweler/watchmaker by trade and a fisherman at heart, patented the first level wind casting reel which astonished Izaac Waltons through the world. The reel operated like a jeweled watch and actually wound line level onto the spool without utilization of the angler's thumb to push it back and forth. So unique in design was this free-turning level action that in 1897, the first Shakespeare level-wind reels were in full scale production and offered for sale to the angling public.

By 1905, the small business grew overwhelmingly successful in its Kalamazoo, Michigan headquarters and William Shakespeare, Jr. decided it was time to form a corporation. Finally, in 1915, the name was changed to Shakespeare Company, as it remains today.

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It was big money in those bygone days, even for fishing tackle manufacturers to offer, as we see by this poster in the early 1920s.

Advertising was via hand-sketched and printed cards to tell fishermen about the reel, the first level-wind casting reel.

portion of the tackle market (still about 88% today), the company introduced a new and modern type fly reel. It was the first and only fly reel to automatically wind line onto the spool at the touch of a lever, via a coil spring.

During the 30s, advancement was slow except to improve this automatic fly reel, making it a silent wind. The year 1939 found a tremendous innovation in casting reels when the "Wondereel" introduced a special braking system preventing or reducing backlash, or bird's-nests (called professional overrides in this contemporary age). The unit was merely an oil reservoir on the reel's side plate controlling the spool's shaft from excessive rotation. It received a title of Hydro-Film Control because of the oil storage within the disk.

When World War II broke out, the Shakespeare Company shifted most operation from reel components to intricate parts for Norden bombsights and remote control devices. In 1944, a subsidiary company was formed, manufacturing flexible and quadrant controls for aircraft, which is now supporting the automotive industry in place of airplanes.

At war's end in 1945, experimentation with a new wonder product called "Fiberglas" had begun. For the first time in angling history there was a fishing rod that withstood Nature's elements as well as man's abuse with almost weightless ease. Although other hollow tube fiberglass rods were available, such as Conlon, Siliflex, Harnell and Glebie, Shakespeare's blank was unprecedented in style. Everyone else produced tubes from woven fiberglass cloth, whereas Shakespeare's Howald Process was and still remains the only unilateral directional fiber system in the industry. Fiberglass yarn is utilized in hoop strength replacing the cone-shaped rolled material. Also, the same threads, bathed in epoxy resins are drawn over the inner spiral yarn to form a protective housing of the hoop, thus giving the shaft a two-in-one type unit. While still based in Kalamazoo and mainly a freshwater tackle manufacturer, casting rods were first priority, then fly rods, trademarking their name, "Wonderod."

Snowballing in growth and popularity, larger quarters were demanded and within two years, the fiberglass rod production moved to Columbia, S.C., becoming known as Columbia Products. At the same time, line operations also overwhelmingly expanded and shifted its location to Estherville, Iowa, incorporating as Soo Valley Company. By 1949, Columbia Products incorporated into their own division, expanding the production plant to handle total manufacturing of salable fiberglass implements. Not only were tubular fishing rods developed, but solid fiberglass shafts as well became an important part of a world-wide industry.

Within a short period, the artificial lure division moved to Columbia also, producing a line of highly acclaimed baits designed for freshwater fans. From their earlier years through 1950, all Shakespeare baits were fabricated from wood and the most popular of all was a jointed plug called a "Tantalizer." Thousands of large and smallmouth bass were caught on this scale-painted, swimming wiggler until 1952, when Creek Chub Bait Company purchased the entire rights and manufacturing from Shakespeare.

With the innovation of spinning into the angling world, Shakespeare brought out their version, Model 1850. But in 1952, production was slanted more towards the Korean War efforts rather than spinning reels. Hence, these demands had to be addressed first. So once again, the fiberglass division expanded its facilities. The first tubular fiberglass radio antennas ever manufactured came in 1954, supplying folks with a superior receiver/transmitter aerial. Shakespeare became the largest producer and supplier of fiberglass marine and land based antennas in the world.

Trying to phase all manufacturing units closer together, Soo Valley line division, in 1956, took up permanent residence at their new facilities in Columbia, S.C. Here they became one of the largest extruders of monofilament, exporting more as sewing thread than fishing lines. It was discovered the textile industry offered more profit for monofilament than the fishing tackle industry. So, even to this very day most of the mono goes for sewing thread, canvas and sail industry, automotive suppliers for seat covers, weed eater grass cutters, commercial fishing industry, and finally—last but not least—sport fishing sales. Hard to believe, but we are fishermen and they are marketing people and go where the profits are

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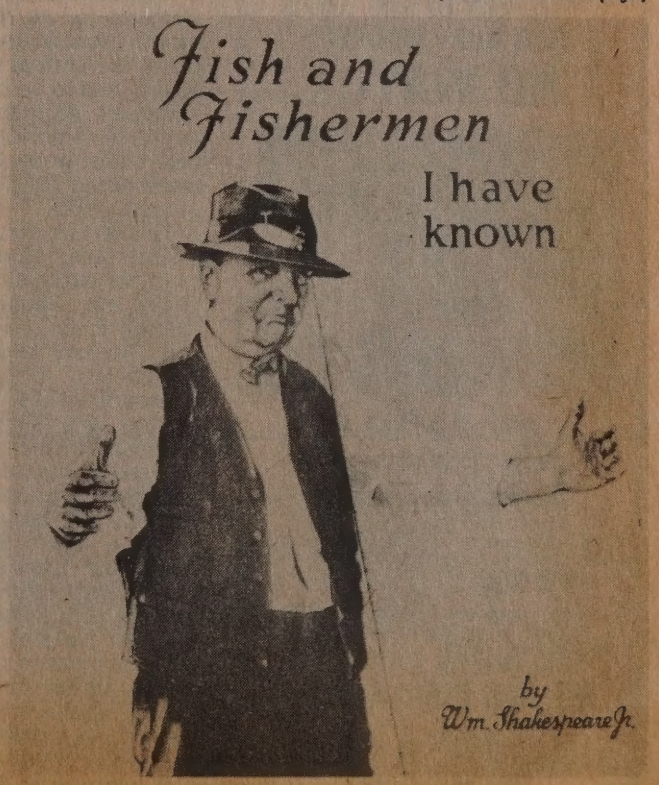
How times have changed: from silk lines to synthetic materials like nylon or monofilament.



Covers of fishing tackle catalogs have changed tremendously since this 1924 version of Wm. Shakespeare, Jr.'s.

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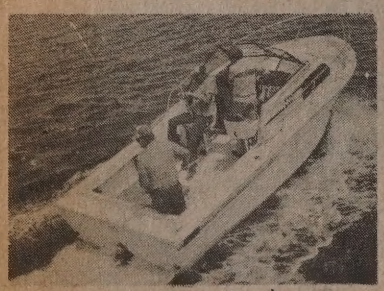

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The year 1959 became a great stepping-stone for the Shakespeare Company, when it brought out its first bail-type spinning reels, 2081 and 2091. Designed for big water anglers such as the Great Lakes and salt-water, these reels remained in their retail line of tackle until 1976. Also in 1959, the company entered into a new outdoor activity, acquiring Parallel Products Company of Waverly, Ohio, a producer of fine archery equiment. This leader in the archery industry was phased out in Ohio and all manufacturing was done at Columbia Products plant in South Carolina. Archery in 1959, was still in an infancy stage and so the company began making large advancements, leaning more towards the hunting archer, rather than the field shooter.

Seeking to expand manufacturing and distribution centers, Shakespeare of Canada Ltd. opened in Rexdale, Ontario, along with a brand new warehouse in Kalamazoo, Michigan, during 1960, thus having excellent shipping locations throughout the country.

Ever seeking new fields, its massive manufacturing facilities, experimental and test resources, the company was the first to bring out fiberglass golf shafts and ventured into another sporting event in 1961: golf equipment.

With the influx of Oriental fishing tackle into domestic markets in 1963, Shakespeare formed a company in Tokyo, Japan, called Noris Shakespeare Company (Japan) Ltd.

The year 1964 saw an outstanding progression in the company's history. Demand for its quality built fishing tackle became universal and a new plant, warehouse and manufacturing facility had to be built in Fayetteville, Arkansas. At this modern accommodation all American fishing reels and golf clubs were built, finished and warehoused for distribution throughout the world.

To alleviate shipping problems and export fees, along with needs for terminal tackle such as floats, hooks, snaps, etc., Shakespeare acquired S. Allcock & Co., J.W. Young & Sons Ltd., M. Lee & Sons Ltd., and Top Tackle Ltd., in 1965 to form Noris Shakespeare Ltd., Redditch, England. During this same year, Columbia Products incorporated and became the leading manufacturer of industrial fiberglass products. As fishermen, we immediately assume fiberglass products in terms of fishing rods and boats, but there are a multitude of other items utilizing fiberglass rods such as pool cues, bullwhip handles, hammer handles, umbrella handles, antennas, cattle prods, gaff handles, tomato stakes, tent braces, and arrow shafts. These are but a few of the items from a diverse list of 100.

In 1966, Shakespeare took another step forward when at this time two of the world's oldest fishing tackle names united into one, making Pflueger Corporation of Akron, Ohio, part of the Shakespeare family, to be run under a separate division with its name remaining intact.

Universally, accessories were gaining in tackle sales; so the company entered into a joint venture with Winpull Fishing Accessories Company, Ltd., Hong Kong, China in 1967, to produce artificial baits, spinners, hooks, sinkers, and other miscellaneous fishing items. These were basically sold on the foreign markets, and somewhat here in the United States.

Another diversion in Shakespeare's history occurred in late 60s-early 70s, beginning with acquiring Phantom Products, Kansas City, Mo., a manufacturer of electric fishing motors, designed for freshwater anglers. In 1968, the newly formed motor division released the first and most efficient Model 606 electric fishing motor to the angling public. It became an outstanding success because of its dollar value, safety features and ease of operation. To this day, many of these original motors are still being used on lakes, ponds, and rivers.

Al Pflueger, Inc., Hallandale, Florida, the world's largest marine taxidermist firm became a subsidiary of Pflueger Corp. in 1969. During this year, Simco Leather Company, Inc., of Chattanooga, Tennessee was purchased, diversifying Shakespeare a little more, for it manufactured saddles, leather coats, vests, hats, and became a suppller of equestrian accessories.

If the Sixties had big changes for Shakespeare, the Seventies were even greater. Corporate headquarters moved from Kalamazoo to Columbia, S.C.; a ski division was established; Golden Eagle Bow Company was acquired and the first bow to shoot a perfect score in national competition; equity affiliation with Omori Manufacturing Co. of Japan, leading producer of quality crafted fishing reels; and a new subsidiary was established in Australia for fishing tackle manufacturing. During the early 70s, Shakespeare's Fishing Tackle Division was established and became a separate operating unit from the mother company.

The 70s also brought to life new space age substances like graphite, and Shakespeare was contacted first by Union Carbide to handle such materials. Hence, it became exploited in golf shafts, not fishing rods, because of its rigid recovery and brittleness. By 1972, two other tackle companies were designing shafts for fly rods composed of graphite. The results were slightly hazardous because of its stiff properties. So, Shakespeare refrained from offering anglers their design until a functional rod had been produced by them. While other manufacturers offered replacements for broken rods, in 1973 Shakespeare came out with its first 8' fly rod, in a Howald Process (same manufacturing method as the fiberglass rods) style which withstood

rigorous fishing tests under all weather conditions. Today, Shakespeare is the largest single producer of graphite fishing rods world-wide, with knowledge of this material far beyond the imagination and is now in the process of developing automotive drive shafts from it.

While fly fishermen have their place in the fishing field, in 1975 it was realized that the greatest sales of tackle went to largemouth bass anglers. So a need and demand became a reality when the President II, free spool bait casting reel was introduced. Immediately, the casting reel was a total success, not only with freshwater bass anglers, but saltwater fishermen also found it superb—especially the drag system and its non-corrosive rotating parts.

With the glow of strong fishing tackle sales, Shakespeare in 1976 withdrew from archery, golf and small boat manufacturing and expanded in what they knew best: tackle. In 1977, a family of Presidential reels was introduced along with the 1984 Model, a wide spool version of the ever popular 1980. Here was a palm-size piece of dynamite for light tackle saltwater enthusiasts in vertical lure fishing, or jigging. Popularity spread by word of mouth rather than national advertising and the 1984 Presidential reel sales climbed.

The year 1977 can be written down in fishing history books as another FIRST for Shakespeare with the introduction of the World's Strongest Tubular Fishing Rod—the "Ugly Stik." What a name! Ugly Stik! Who would dare to call a personal fishing rod "ugly," or trademark such a name. But it turned the angling world topsy-turvy, becoming the largest selling fishing rod in the world for four years straight and is still going strong. Thirteen of the original models are still available, but its family has expanded into 48 members now, including 6 IGFA big game rods. The Ugly Duckling has grown up, but remains titled "ugly." It now offers every angler in a household his, or her satisfying quest, with more to come next year. Blanks are available for those who wish to utilize their knowledge of added action or diversification. These 19 shafts are the same dimensions Shakespeare creates their 48 pieces from.

With the expansion of the Ugly Stik in 1978, there also came a change in reel design, from regular style to skirted spool, with internal/manual bail trip (called S.I.T., selective internal trip).

A decade of change has passed for Shakespeare and the 1980s brought forth another strong new feature called "SIGMA," a system. Here is the only American manufacturer to offer any angler a complete choice of outfit: rod, reel, line, lures, hooks, and motors with a seal of quality behind it at reasonable prices. Thus, Sigma, from Shakespeare for 1980 and an awakening of a sleeping fishing tackle giant.

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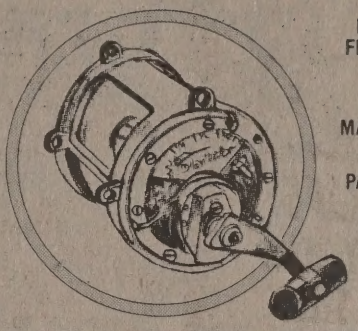

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WHY DOES THE SUN ALWAYS SHINE ON TUESDAYS

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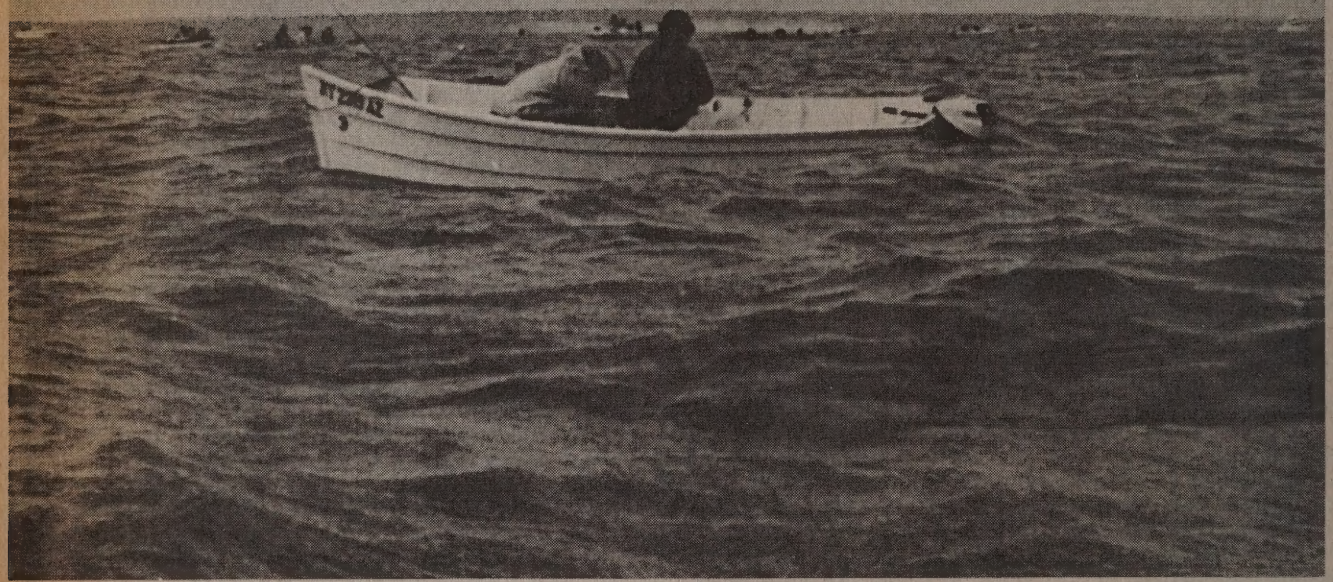

Our phone rings on spring weekends for one of three reasons. Either someone has dialed a wrong number, the in-laws want to see if we're still alive and capable of answering Christmas greetings, or...associates back west have awakened from their winter naps and remember that late April through early June is a prime time for angling on Peconic Bay and Long Island Sound. Situated on a well-beaten path between such landmarks as Robin's Island and the Brickyard, and only a stone's throw away from the beaches of New Suffolk, Mattituck and Southold where five boat stations dispense tackle and advice, our home becomes a haven for unshaven, salt spray-battered veterans who fight the elements every spring along the waterfronts of the North Fork.

When buddies who call insist on having us circle dates on the calendar, some of them get ecstatic about how much their families enjoyed that cooler full of flounder fillets last year or how exciting it was to hit those weakfish on a dawn tide two years ago. We encourage them to be realistic about the slim chances of repeating those performances exactly—but how can you dampen the enthusiasm of a winner? Those who've been disappointed by meager results or even blown out for a trip or two are easier to deal with. They know the score; they'll probably be prepared this year, and their lucky number is bound to come up, if they give themselves some alternatives.

In fact, alternatives are really the key to successful East End spring angling. The weather in that unusual zone east of Exit 68 of the LIE, where rural Long Island still holds on tenuously, is rather predictable between March 15 and June 15. It's magnificent 10% of the time, impossibly stormy and rainy 20% of the time, and snotty, but fishable, the remaining 70% of the time.

Many years back, when life was more leisurely, visiting anglers seemed to understand the situation better. Bill Lieblein at the Port of Egypt in Southold told us of groups who used to rent cottages in late May along Pipe's Cove on Southold Bay for ten days or more in order to be sure of having a couple of super days' fishing. Today's impatient sportsman is different. He'll take that one weekend he's free, reserve a boat for one day of that weekend, and, come hell or high water or both, he'll be on the dock in the A.M. on that day, confidently expecting to score. That usually doesn't work!

Last year we had the pleasure of fishing for early spring flounder out of Captain Marty's with a gentleman who really knew the territory and the techniques, but suffered from a run of horrible luck. Every trip he scheduled seemed to follow a weather front, and he was constantly faced with plummeting temperatures and cold, northwest winds. On the outing on which we accompanied him, we caught enough of the big flatfish for which the Peconics are famous to make the day worthwhile, but we had to work hard for them and fight the elements. It was a case of pick a bit, chum a bit, and move on. The strong winds and three-foot seas prevented us from fishing for any length of time in prime areas off Robin's Island and Nassau Point. After spending an exasperating four hours trying to feel sleepy flounder with 3 and 4 oz. sinkers, Bill was rather frustrated. He scheduled another trip, and another, and another. Each proved worse than our first. In fact, he had to wait for the July run of fluke on the Sound before he finally beat the jinx and came up with a smooth day and a fine catch.

The person who gives himself or herself a few days of fishing definitely has a better shot. One friend from New Jersey took a three-day holiday in early May last year because he had his heart set on the legendary Peconic tiderunners, 6 to 8 lb. weaks that grow to 10 or 12 lbs. in the fishing reports. But the 1981 run was a little slow in starting and we steered Dick onto flounder instead.

At first things looked bad. The night he arrived, it rained, and the following day was fresh and, as they says in the forecasts, "breezy"...in other words, great kite-flying weather, but impossible for small boat angling anywhere on the North Fork. Day two brought slackening winds, but not quite slack enough for a rental skiff. Fortunately, we'd made a date to work the Bay with a buddy from Mattituck who specializes in hauling spring flounder from Shelter Island waters in a robust 18' boat. Dick had a few problems caused by a swinging boat and picky flounder, but he did manage a couple of one pound-plus flatfish; bigger blackbacks were not cooperating. On day three, Dick's last, he got what he'd been hoping for. Under glassy water conditions, we popped a car-topper into the Sound between Mattituck and Iron Pier, just where reports said the fish were before the blow. Now, Dick had "the touch" needed to bounce a sinker, then lift a rig ever so slowly. The look on his face when he brought up his first respectable 15", 1¾ lb. flounder on a light freshwater outfit was worth the trip. We filled a stringer with flatfish that went 1½ to 2¼ lbs., and sent Dick home with enough fillets to feed his family until mid-June.

Hitting the right period on the spring weakfish clock can be a real problem if a visitor is forced to fish during daylight hours on weekends. The best hours for Peconic weather in May and June are usually the pre-dawn periods when winds are calm; moreover the fleets that gather on the Middle Grounds, in the South Race, or off Jessup's make daytime fishing difficult on weekdays and next to impossible on weekends, even before the winds hit full force. The angler who slips the first tipped jelly worms or bucktails over the side of the skiff while the stars are still glittering is in excellent shape, even though the effort required to prepare for such a trip may be substantial.

Three years back, we had an avid fisherman and his wife at our home for the Memorial Day weekend. The weakfish run was already entering the spawning lull, the period when most of the hen fish drop their eggs and strike lures in a tentative fashion. Smart anglers shorten pennants of squid and stick stinger hooks into the tails of their jelly worms on such occasions. Hartmut was chafing at the bit because the weekend was so blustery that we couldn't get on the water for 48 hours. When the winds

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Janet displays some fluke taken from the Sound around Memorial Day. The summer flatfish bailed out what was meant to be a weakfish trip.

Bill Muller displays a geniune 2½ lb. Peconic flounder taken in early spring. Note the caps in the background off Robin's Island.

finally dropped a bit at 10PM on Sunday night, however, we packed the gear and grabbed three hours of sleep, hoping for a break.

We got it. After shoving a cartopper into the water off Cedar Beach at 4:30 a.m. and probing for an hour with some long drifts off buoy 17, we finally found a pod of fish and put our first pair of weakfish into the box. The rising wind allowed us only a half dozen more drifts with tipped bucktails, but that was more than enough. We kept five fish and released five more. One unusually large, spawned out female measured almost 32'', but she weighed only a shade under 8 lbs. How heavy would that old girl have been in early May before spawning? A subsequent check in IGFA record listings turned up a 31½'', 12 lb. 1 oz. fish, so she wasn't such a bad trophy.

For those who have no alternative days for fishing on the North Fork, there are still a few options. If the Peconics are getting blasted by strong southerly winds or by southeasterlies, Long Island Sound may still be quite fishable. Of course, the angler who has his or her mind set for weakfish will have to re-adjust the emotional level for flounder, spring blackfish, a school of mackerel or, by late May, the first fluke.

And, of course, there are always the party boats of the North Fork. George Rainis' Blue Albatross from Southold; George Porter's Brand X, and Dave Brennan's Peconic Star from Greenport, and Clark Bellows' Capt. Clark II, which fishes Peconic waters from a port in Hampton Bays, as well as Artie Lach's Wilhelric, which does the same from Sag Harbor—all of these are seldom blown out, except by horrible and occasional spring gales. On days when a small boat would be a waste of time and money, the party boat often affords a stable, comfortable fishing platform, and may be a very wise investment at around $20 per fare. Naturally, these big boats do their best spring fishing in the daytime on flounder rather than weaks, simply because of the numbers game. A small group of 40 weakfish won't give much action to 25 party boat anglers, but a mass of 500 flounder keeps everybody smiling. As the spring wears on and as the Peconic porgies hit full stride, party boats can often keep both trophy-conscious tiderunner fans and hungry scup fishermen happy on the same trip.

Sad to tell, there are those periods when nothing works...when a perverse northerly front rolls in on Friday and a gale blows more than two days straight, killing the whole weekend. Visitors come with high hopes and depart with terrible cases of cabin fever. Then, a couple of days later, you are sitting at your desk, gazing out the window at a classic spring morning. Winds are calm, lilacs are in bloom, and the robins are singing their heads off. Why, oh why, does the sun always shine on Tuesdays?

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SEASON INAUGURAL

by John Fritz

Thank God it's Spring! How many maintenance tips and fishing catalogs can one digest? By this time of year the urge for action of any sort is overpowering. It is now mid-April, a time when there are sufficient numbers of striped bass prowling the waters of Long Island Sound to ensure an excellent chance of success. Although bait fishermen will enjoy greater rewards in the early stages of the new season, with the rising of the water temperature an increasing number of stripers can be caught by anglers using a wide variety of artificials. With the acknowledged migration of bass in the Sound proceeding from west to east, the waters closer to the city will provide the initial opportunities. There is one exception to this general rule which must be mentioned before the mail is flooded with letters from those hardy souls who have been taking bass all winter in Northport, for at this late stage in their season the moderating temperatures of the surrounding waters induces the schools of trapped bass to venture along nearby beaches.

Although reports of striper activity abound along the rivers under the shadow of Manhattan's skyscrapers during the fall migration, little is heard regarding similar achievements in the spring. While spring bass fishing in the Hudson River north of Manhattan is common knowledge, the first reports of bass being taken in our local waters of the western Sound originate in such places as Little Neck Bay or private property. Since private property on the Nassau coastline is accessible to a chosen few, I will direct my remarks only to areas open to the general public.

The western shore of Little Neck Bay, from Fort Totten south to where the creek enters the bay after draining

Early season in western Long Island Sound can mean good catches on light to medium tackle.

the marshes which extend back to the Long Island Expressway, probably offers the best opportunity to put that first bass of the year on the beach. Since parking on the service road of the Cross Island Parkway is prohibited, prospective anglers should use one of three possible entry points which provides safe passage from the local streets to the beach. The first, providing access to the southern end of the bay, is located within Crocheron Park. The second pedestrian overpass is to be found at the foot of 28th Avenue which leads to the shore adjacent to the marina. Those anglers desiring to fish the northern part of the bay are advised to park in the vicinity of Bell Blvd. where it terminates at the Fort Totten entrance and walk south along the service road until the bay is reached.

The northern shore of Little Neck Bay is favored later in the season by surfmen using artificials, for deeper water in close proximity to the beach can be found by following the southern perimeter of the Fort Totten boundary. Proceed carefully along this littered shore until a point of land is reached, this would be the southeast corner of the Fort property. This general area can be fished using artificials, with most anglers preferring the first few hours of the ebbing tide. Productive lures include, but are not limited to bucktails, whiptails and 4½'' and 5½'' Rebel swimmers.

Fishing throughout the remainder of the bay is generally limited to slinging bait, although patient surfmen working the flooded flats with small swimming plugs are occasionally rewarded for their efforts. The three essential ingredients leading to success are high water, little or no wind and the setting of the sun. With the tide too far gone, the mud flats become exposed, forcing the stripers to return to the deeper channels of the bay. It is during the periods of high water, under the cover of darkness, that the bass will prowl the flats in search of a meal. Because the major portion of this bay is comprised of shallow mud flats, any wind which roils the surface will hamper the fishing; therefore, calm nights or nights when the winds are blowing from a west or southerly direction are preferred by experienced fishermen of the bay.

The most productive baits for these spring visits to the shore are marine worms, either blood, sand or ribbon, which are fished from the standard surf rig, or better yet, the double loop rig. Since there are no strong currents to be dealt with when fishing these mud flats, the minimum weight sinkers are in order; only what is needed for casting. Any weight tackle capable of casting the terminal gear is sufficient, for even though an occasional 20 lber. is taken, the majority of the bass beached on these shores are schoolies. Boots, sand spikes and a lantern will complete the outfitting, but recognize that the careless use of any light will frighten game fish cruising the shallow waters.

Similar techniques can be used to fish any of the north shore beaches where access is possible and the bottom is not overly strewn with rocks or rotting timbers. Since most of the north shore of Nassau County is restricted to residents, the next generally accessible shore eastward is located at the mouth of Cold Spring Harbor. Two areas temporarily unrestricted in the early season are Centre Island and the area on the opposite shore known as the Causeway. Complete access to Centre Island is not permitted for non-residents; therefore, anglers wishing to try their luck along this boulder-strewn shore should find a suitable parking place outside the boundaries of Centre Island itself.

The majority of the fishermen working these areas favor using the smaller Rebel or RedFin floaters coupled with a feathered teaser. Although bait fishermen are in the minority during these nighttime forays this method is practiced with some success in areas where the bottom formations permit; in fact during the early part of the season the use of bait—sand, blood or ribbon worms in particular—in the daylight hours can produce worthwhile results. Wind is not such a critical factor in these areas as it is for Little Neck Bay, for the water is deeper and the bottom is mostly a mixture of gravel and mussel beds.

Travelling further east along the north shore of Long Island, we arrive at the region influenced by the hot water outflow of the Lilco plant at Northport. The major access point for this area is at Crabmeadow where the fishing has a direct relation to weather conditions. Although northwest winds, coupled with an ebbing tide are the ideal factors enhancing events at Crabmeadow, there have been instances when fish were taken in the absence of any appreciable wind and on the initial stages of the incoming tide. Strong east or northeast blows are disliked in this area for these winds tend to disrupt great quantities of seaweed, fouling any gear cast into the roiled waters. Techniques and methods used in previous areas work well at Crabmeadow with some anglers enjoying excellent results with blue-backed 4½'' Rebel sinkers.

The top of the outgoing tide is preferred by those fishing bait along the shore between the jetty and the point approximately 400 yards west. The lower stages of the tide leaves the bottom exposed, for the most part curtailing fishing unless the angler transfers his equipment to the outer edge of the Worm Bar which becomes evident once the water is halfway down. Users of artificial lures favor the top of the small rock jetty at the start of the falling tide. Caution should be exercised here, for the flat rocks comprising this jetty are covered with slime, but after carefully

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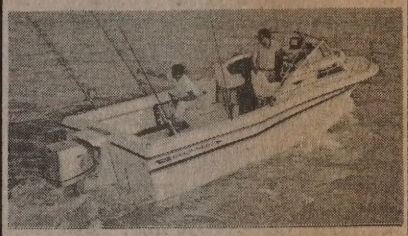

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LOOK SOUTH FOR MACKEREL

by Matt Ahern

Long Island anglers look to the South Shore for their first shot at spring mackerel.

Several evenings ago I sat at my desk suffering the anguish of a miserable head cold. I was sniffling and snuffling and bored to tears. My weekly dose of TV murder and mayhem had long since been absorbed; to spend more time in pursuit of such "entertainment" could only add insult to injury.

So what does a poor put-upon dedicated fisherman do then? Heck, if a guy can't get out and dunk a little bait himself, he might just as well read about how others go about it. Half a loaf is better than none; and besides, he's sure to learn something. Most times, that is.

Well, anyway, one of the stories I read that evening told how four sport fishermen had caught a ton of mackerel on diamond jigs. The story came complete with photos—for fear, I suppose that there might be Doubting Thomases among us. Pretty good fishermen, I thought to myself, missing completely the enormity of the deed.

It wasn't until the next morning that I asked myself why in hell four fishermen would fish long enough to catch a ton of mackerel. To sell? Freeze them for future bait use? For use on their own table? Certainly the latter. But a ton! That's well over 200 mackerel per fisherman! Now mackerel are good eating and all that, but the thought of such a continuous supply, even at the rate of once a week, is enough to gag the best of us. I gave up. It beat me.

Which brings me to this.

We fishermen hear gripes and grumblings about poor fishing almost on a daily basis. I believe, though, that the word "poor" is relative in this respect. What might be a poor fishing day for one, mightly possibly be considered good by another. But all in all, I'm certain it is safe to assume that many of us would agree our fishing could be better. I do believe, however, that we still have good days; they're just not as numerous as they once were.

And when many of us gripe about those poor days, the first to bear the brunt of complaint is the commercial fisherman. But when one reads how four sport fishermen caught a ton of mackerel and bragged about it, I believe there are "pots" among us who should refrain from calling the kettle black.

Although I once spent several winters set-lining for cod in the long ago, I am not gung-ho in my attitude toward commercial fishermen. There is nothing personal in this, however. I know several commercial fishermen and they're pretty good eggs. Gentlemen all. But I wouldn't be a sport fisherman and not feel a smidgeon of hostility. But at least commercial fishermen (those who abide by all the rules, that is) have a legitimate reason for their activities. And if you don't think commercial fishing is a tough way to make a living, try it sometime when you're looking for heavy exercise. But when four unthinking sport fishermen load up with a ton of mackerel, I do indeed wonder about their interpretation of the word "sport."

Now, I'm not so foolish as to believe we fishermen with our hooks and lines can ever extract as many fish from the sea as do the commercial boys with their nets, trawls, traps, and what-have-you. But that is no reason for some of us to attempt to do so. Take what you want, but use what you take, should be the motto of every sport fisherman.

There now—that's off my chest. I just had to say it and let the devil take the hindmost. And you know, I feel better already.

Now to South Shore mackerel

fishing.

When I first began party boat fishing over a half-century ago, there wasn't a fisherman I knew who had ever gone mackerel fishing. The intention itself wasn't even discussed. There were, however, private boat fishermen who drifted mackerel jigs in the offshore areas during early May...and they succeeded very well. But as far as party boat fishermen were concerned, the bonanza that awaited them was an unknown as the dark side of the moon. I know that I was totally unaware of the possibility. You can believe that if I had an inkling such an opportunity was available, I (and hundreds like me) would have gotten in on it, for, like most, I dearly love mackerel fishing.

My first experience with Boston mackerel (which is what we called them at the time) occurred in 1931—early May, to be exact. On this particular day, I was fishing aboard the old Rose R II out of Canarsie. We were drifting offshore of Sandy Hook's Cedar Grounds for ling and whiting. From out of nowhere came this sudden hit—more of a blow than anything else. I set the hook and all hell broke loose. To say I was startled is to put it mildly. Especially so when all I'd been catching for the past several weeks were ling and whiting.

I wrestled a double-header to the surface. Two good-sized mackerel. So rare were mackerel for party boat fishermen at that time, I gave one to the skipper and had the other for supper. I remember thinking: Boy! If only there were more like that!

Little did I know what awaited me.

Year followed year in quick succession. So involved had I become with fishing that I had almost forgotten that mackerel existed; but not quite. I guess time just couldn't erase the memory of that double-header. So during the spring of 1951 when my buddy Artie Leidecker asked if I wanted to join a mackerel fishing party, I was all for it.

At that time Artie had had his "Echo" about four years, but we'd never gone mackerel fishing with her. In fact, we didn't know the first thing about it. But Roger Purdy, one of the fellows in the party, did. That was enough for us.

I'll never forget that day. The artificial reef off Long Beach known as the McAllister Ground was just about a year old then and Roger figured the area a good place to try. He hit it right on the nose. In minutes our mossbunker chum attracted a school of good-sized mackerel. Fish came flying over the rail in a frenzied blur of activity. "Flying" is the only word for it. It was super fishing and we continued to bail mackerel with our diamond jigs until arm-weary. Two hours of such hectic fishing was all any of us could take.

From that day to this, I've loved mackerel fishing with a passion.

It has always been my belief that fishermen do better when they know as much as possible about their fish of interest—be they mackerel, flounder, cod, fluke, or what-have-you. By this I don't mean merely possessing knowledge of proper baits and fishing techniques. These we all need and you certainly won't get far without them. But haven't you ever wondered what makes a fish tick? For instance, what makes a ling a sluggish swimmer, and a mackerel one of the swiftest in the sea?

Well, if you're interested, and seeing that mackerel are the subject of this article, we'll now take a look at this extremely interesting fish. I promise not to bore you.

Mackerel are prime examples of what Nature's idea of streamlining should be. The body is elongated, solid and muscular. Two small keels on each side of the peduncle, near the tail, give it perfect balance. You may be sure that with this setup, there is no waste motion when mackerel home in on a meal.

Their scales are small, small enough so that the solid, muscular body feels smooth to the touch. A peculiar thing, though, is that there are no scales on the forward portion of the body. No doubt, this, when coupled with the small scales, lessens drag when cutting through the water or chasing some bit of prey.

When captured, mackerel practically scale themselves. You will often see scales flying off in bursts of iridescence as the mackerel dangles from your hook in the bright sunshine. Certainly, no fisherman ever need scale a mackerel. The problem is to avoid getting them plastered over everything being handled.

The mackerel's head is long and slender, its snout pointed. The mouth is moderately large and slightly oblique. As mackerel live in the upper layers of the sea, this angle undoubtedly aids when slurping plankton from the surface. (Nature thinks of everything!)

The teeth are small and in a single row on both jaws. The fin structure is not outstanding. Evidently most of the power is achieved from the muscular body. The first dorsal contains about twelve slender, weak spines. The second dorsal and anal fins are small and similar to each other in design, being followed by five

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finlets. These finlets are characteristic of all members of the mackerel family—tuna, bonito, wahoo, Spanish mackerel, etc.

The mackerel's tail is broadly forked and moderate in size. The root edge of the pectoral fin is black and highly noticeable. The fish also lacks an air bladder. This means that a mackerel must continuously keep on the move, else it will sink to the bottom like a stone. This may be rough on the fish, but now we can understand the reason for that muscular body.

The color of the common mackerel is fairly uniform. It varies only in slight shading. I believe this may be due to the brightness of the day and may be an attempt at camouflage. Mackerel caught on dull days appear to have darker shadings. The color is bluish-black above, with darker wavy streaks lying across the back. No doubt this is another attempt by Nature at camouflage—this time to imitate the action of the surface water, which, in turn, makes such highly vulnerable fish less likely to attack by sea birds, etc.

Spawning in our area takes place in mid-May and can extend to early July in New England waters. This ritual takes place at night whenever water temperatures reach between 55° to 60°. Eggs are buoyant and are about 1/25'' immediately before hatching. Incubation varies. It can be four days at 60° or five days at 55°. A sudden influx of cold water can destroy billions of eggs. Should this happen, we suffer the pangs of a mackerel famine several years later.

There are many more interesting facts I could tell you about mackerel, but that is all the space I can allot to it for now. Another time, perhaps.

Now to mackerel fishing.

I'm sure one of the reasons sinker bouncers welcome the mackerel's arrival is because they can temporarily forego the use of bait. Mackerel dote on artificial lures. They will strike any bright, shiny object flashed before them. That's why a lure such as the diamond jig works so well. Mackerel just can't resist that tantalizing action.

But before you lower that jig you should use proper tackle if you want the utmost in sport. Sure, you can catch mackerel on a codfishing outfit, but you won't have half the fun possible. And you can catch mackerel on light spinning tackle and have a ball—providing, of course, you're not party boat fishing where the use of such tackle is often frowned upon.

I prefer a 6' or 7' medium-weight boat rod. If a mackerel tree is added to the diamond jig, such a rod can easily handle two or three fish at once. The matching reel should be of the conventional type and it should be capable of holding at least 100 yards of 20 lb. test mono line.

Mackerel are greedy feeders—but they are line shy. This is one reason why we fellows in the long-ago caught so few mackerel. That white Irish linen line we used served as a warning that all was not well.

If spinning gear is not used, 10 lb. test will do; but if a mackerel tree is added, I wouldn't hesitate to go to 15 or 20. Two, three, or more mackerel at once can be a problem when using light line. A word to the wise is sufficient.

By now you must know I consider the diamond jig the best lure for mackerel. These come with treble or single hooks. If you plan to return most of your fish, use the single hook. Many fishermen add a mackerel tree, but bear in mind that it is the diamond jig that attracts the mackerel to the tree—not the other way around. The jig also serves as the necessary weight to get the rig down to the feeding fish. Don't use an ordinary sinker for this. You'll catch fewer fish if you do.

Diamond jigs come in various weights, but I believe those from 2 to 4 oz. are best. My preference is for the lighter one. This size has always given me excellent results.

Take care when rigging. Unless the snap swivel you intend using has a blackened or dulled finish, it is best to tie your lure to the line with an improved Clinch Knot. Mackerel will hit a shiny swivel, too. Which may be fine for them, but not so fine for you.

Many fellows drift for mackerel, but to me there's nothing like anchoring and getting the mossbunker chum going. One thing to remember when using chum is that it should be mixed with sea water to the consistency of a thin soup. And until the fish respond, no slack in the chum line should be tolerated. So keep after the guy who's handling the ladle. This isn't time for that beer. Even when the fish respond, someone should sweeten the chum line occasionally. If a break occurs, the fish will seek greener pastures and you'll have your work to do over again.

Mackerel feed at different depths, not only from day to day, but often hour to hour. The best way to locate them is to reach bottom with the jig and reel up, jigging all the way. As soon as the first fish is caught, a dab of quick-drying marker ink should be applied to the line. You will find all your fish at that depth. Old-timers do not use marker ink, but they've been at it so long, they have a built-in sixth sense. Needless to say, this doesn't come overnight.

I think your best bet is to get aboard a mackerel-fishing party boat and keep your eyes open. You'll learn more in ten minutes than I can tell you in one hour. Again, a word to the wise is sufficient.

I know if you've never gone mackerel fishing, you will find it the experience of your life. And please—keep the honorable name of ''sport fisherman'' unsullied. Who among us needs a ton of mackerel?

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working to the end of the jetty, cast bucktails, Whiptails and small tins in a fan-like manner off the tip. If upon arrival the jetty is too crowded, work west along the beach until the point previously mentioned is reached. If no results are attained, an angler has two choices: the first, to proceed west until the outflow is reached and fish here or wait until access to the Worm Bar can be achieved, usually at half tide, and work the northeast corner of the bar.

Makamah and the Brickyards, a short distance east of Crabmeadow, are not as greatly affected by conditions at Lilco; therefore, this area starts to produce later in the year when the water temperatures reach levels pleasing to migrating bass. Either bait or lures will take fish with the methods previously mentioned used with good results in the past. Access to these areas is questionable, but the State Park at Sunken Meadow is open to all, but anglers desiring to fish after sunset are required to possess a free fishng permit. The Nissequogue River is a prime target of anglers working this park, but fishermen trying the front or the beaches adjacent to the jetty often do well. In these areas, a flood tide is preferred for the area is generally shallow. The tip of the jetty and the pocket on its west side has produced fine catches of school bass when half ounce Kastmasters were cast into the outgoing currents. The river itself produces well on the falling tide where sinking lures are often worked deep in the surging waters at the river's mouth. Along the back, where the lagoon running west behind the parking lots, flushes into the river, bottom growth and mussel beds make the working of sinking lures more difficult.

Short Beach on the east side of the Nissequogue, the mouth of the Stony Brook, Mt. Sinai, Wading River and other beaches too numerous to mention, are all known producers of spring bass. Techniques vary little from those which were described here. Where sand or gravel is encountered, attempt to use lures which sink, such as Whiptails, bucktails, eel worms, tin or sinking Rebels. The water still maintains its winter chill, the effects of which the newly-arrived bass have not fully shaken. Better results can be had with slow moving lures, preferably worked close to the bottom where little effort on the part of the bass is required to secure a meal.

All reports indicate that the stocks of Hudson River bass are increasing. Since this population supplies the greatest portion of fish for the area discussed, the forecast is for a good spring run.

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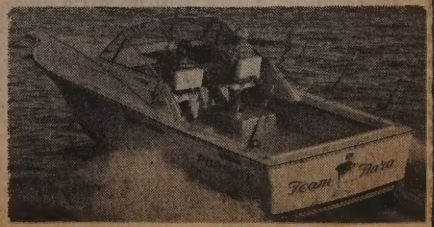

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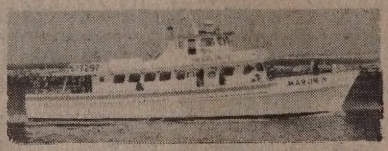

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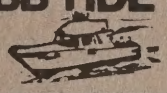

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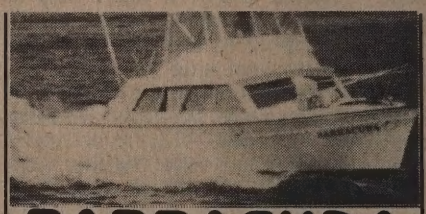

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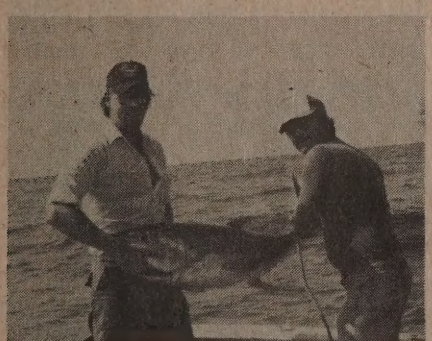
For all you codfishing fans, Montauk remains the port of your choice right now with solid catches being taken by both charter boats and open boats. Decent sprinklings of pollack up to jumbo class are being jigged and really sack busting catches are being had just about everyday. Aboard Captain George Potts' **Blue Fin IV**, Saturday's trip for Dan Roseo of NYC fishing at Cartwright boated 26 cod. Two were over 30 lbs., 6 went over 20 and the rest were mixed. This was all on bait. Twenty-three pollack were diamond jigged, and 15 went over 20 lbs.

Monday saw good catches aboard the **Viking Star** at Cartwright, all cod. Tuesday through Friday things slowed a bit but things returned to normal Saturday when the boat steamed east and fished a productive wreck taking many big cod, a few pollack and a big hake. Sunday was a little tough in the morning south of Cartwright but the skipper caught the tide at Southwest Ledge off Block and caught decently. All cod. The doggies are moving in at the CIA Grounds. The Cartwright fish



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are running 3-18 lbs. and the Block Island fish are running 5-10 lbs. Pool fish everyday are in the 30s.

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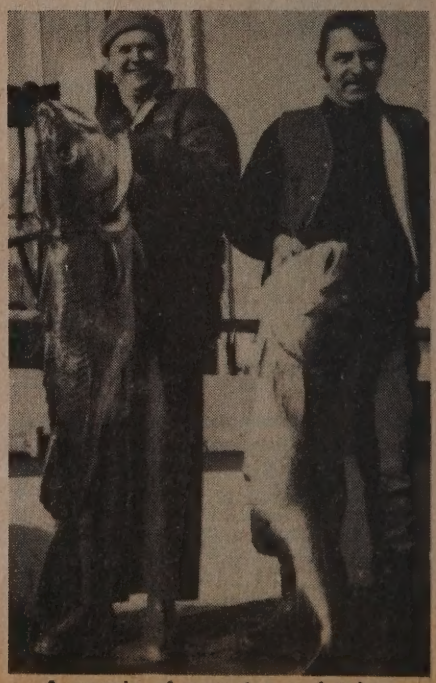
SOUTH FORK

Through Sunday the Sag Harbor packet **Wilhelric** had described the fishing as picky with the fish being



A couple of monster cod taken on a recent trip aboard the "Viking Star." Bob Stoeckel hefts a 60 lber on the left, while Dick Spaeth of Bay Shore shows his 57 lber.

Victor Consiglio of the Outcast Anglers Club shows the 14.4 lb. doormat fluke that won him first place honors in "The Fisherman's Sport Fishing Awards Competition."

there but not feeding strong yet. Six to 8 fish were there for every drop, with the best catch being on mussels. The last stop of the day Sunday at South Ferry saw 15 flatties caught, 14 of these being over 1½ lbs. The skipper called us Monday morning via the marine operator at 8:30 a.m. while we were taking reports to say that he already had roughly 150 flounder in the boat, many up to 2½ lbs. fishing South Ferry, which is just 15 minutes from the dock. Wow!

Skiff fishermen at Sag Harbor should try Gibson's and buoy 14 advises Chris at **Bay View Fishing Station** for good sized flatties from 1½ to 2 lbs. Also Cedar Point should be hot by the weekend. Both tides are working, with the ebb best on mussels and worms and plenty of mussel chum. Chris also advises that the haul seiners on the south shore are finding heavy catches of mackerel in their nets.

Pete Falltico and Ed Cosimo of Brooklyn filled a tub with 25 flounder up to 1¾ lbs. fishing the ferry slip, reports **Noyac Marina**. The duo worked an outgoing tide in Saturday's wind using mussel and mussel-bloodworm combos.

Jim Haughie and his wife took 80 flounder of decent size from North Sea Harbor on Saturday using mussels and worms reports **Speck's Bait and Tackle.** Noyac Bay has also been productive with one customer bringing back 30 fish to brag about. The Shinnecock Canal continues to produce fish but on the slightly smaller side since the main run is over. A Promised Land regular, Walter Bonnenburger had 32 flatties from 1¾ to 3 lbs, fishing worms, mussel and clam. The store will be holding a flounder/weakfish tournament starting May 1st. Call for details.

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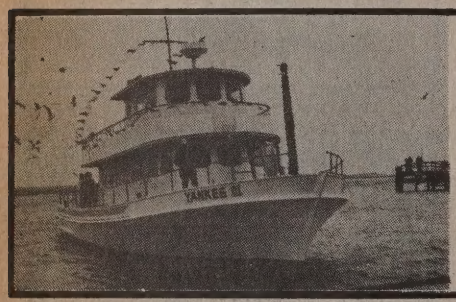

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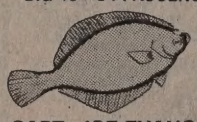

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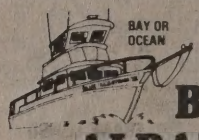

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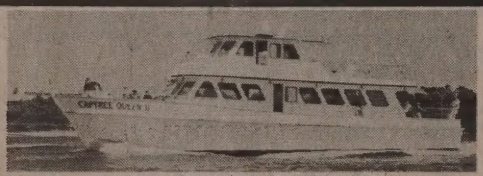

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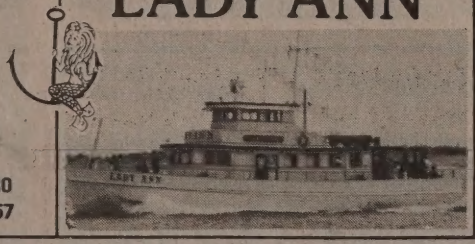

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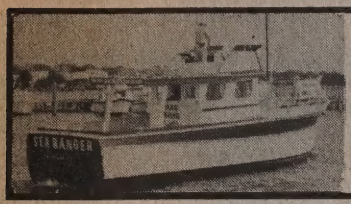

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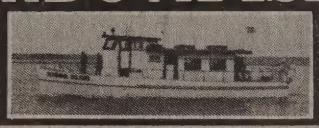

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South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

In the Shinnecock Bay Area, wind and fog kep down the effort on the open bay but Mickey Altenkirch of **Altenkirch Tackle** in Hampton Bays is sure the fish are there for the taking whenever the weather cooperates. He knew that some nice catches of flatties were made at the Basket Grounds prior to the weekend. Flounder fans working the banks of the cana have been getting in their licks despite the weather. "Pretty good" catches of mixed size fish have been the rule with Friday producing especially well. Sandworms, bloodworms and clams have all been effective.

Frank Pelosa of **Corrs Fishing Station** had some hard core evidence that Shinnecock Bay is indeed well populated with flatties. Two good catches were brought back to the station over the weekend despite Saturday's wind, rain and fog and Sunday's blow. On Saturday, Bob Spano with some help from his nephews, fished out in front of the station and wound up the day with 80 nice fish. "Red" Dupont and his son fished the Basket Area on Sunday and had over 60 flatties between 1 and 2 lbs. Both party's used sandworms and heavy mussel chum.

Moriches Bay is well populated with the finest kind of flounder. All

Sonny Deturris, Mike Parisi, Nick DonAngelo, Sal Polizzi and Serge Bacanousky with big haul of flounder made in Moriches Bay. The group fished out of L&M Marine Fishing Station.

Don, Fred, Hy and Bob show a fine catch of big flounder and blackfish taken last spring aboard the Montauk charter boat "Vivienne."

that is needed to get at the fish, which are concentrated in the vicinity of buoys 42 and 43, is some decent weather. this past weekend did not provide the opportunity for most boatmen to get at the fish but here and there, some anglers managed. a key ingredient to good fishing has been the last couple of hours of incoming tide. Some boats escaped the wind bu running up into the Quogue Canal but fish here averaged quite a bit smallaer than out in the bay.

Howard Rieft and Pete Refino worked the buoy 42 area in Saturday's fog and totalled between 60 and 70 flatties, nearly all in the 1lb class. Jim Greene, of **L & M Marine,** who filed the report, also said that Ron Raynor accounted for 75 fish in the 1-14 lb range the same day. Both parties used worm and mussel chum and did best near the top of the tide.

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** told of bill Wetzel, Pete Meislohn an Joe Popolo who, despite Sunday's wind, managed 59 flatties between 1 and 2 lbs. at buoy 42. Boats average between 30 and 60 fish when weather cooperates.

Nick of **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** and Ben of **Tadsen's Fishing Station** both spoke of reduced action over the weekend but told of fine fishing on Thursday and Friday afternoons. One boat returned to **Cerullos** with 75 fish, another boat weighed a fish at 2¼ lbs. Fish were caught at both buoys 27 and 42.

the best catch of fish brought back to **Skidmores Fishing Station** this week belonged to Joe Rodman, Ed Modnak and Fred Socha. Fishing south west of buoy 43 on Thursday, the trio put away over 100 flatties on bloodworms and heavy mussle chum. Most boats had 50-60 fish on Thursday and Friday fishing east of buoy 42 and southwest of 43 according to Jim Devito of the station.

Fog and wind combined to make fishing over the weekend difficult. Some boats worked out of the wind on Sunday at **Ace in the Hole** and salvaged the day with 30-40 flatties.

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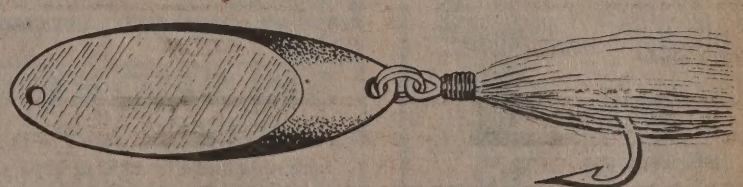

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catches of flounder were made by anglers leaving from **Stiriz's Fishing Station**. It was here too, that the first reported catch of fluke, yes fluke, came to our attention. It seems that Andy Borio, expecting only winter flounder to be aroused by his mussel baits, was surprised by not one, but 2 fluke while anchored in the vicinity of buoy 12. the summer flatties weighed a respectable 2 and 3 lbs to boo$ Jim Cicce had a fluke-size flounder from the same area on Saturday. Jim's huge blackback weighed in at 2 lbs 8 ozs. Through Saturday, boats returned with catches in the 50-80 fish range with the many of the flatties in the 1 lb class. Sunday was another story due to the wind.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Flounder catches in Great South Bay were down due to the wind but everyone I spoke to agreed that a little bit of calm weather could result in some super fishing. There are plenty of flounder in the bay and whenever the winds abate, boatmen do a good job on the fish.

Speaking from **J & R Sport Center** in Oakdale, Al Cross told of real nice size fish off of Heckscher but the weather has made the fishing inconsistent. For fresh water fans, Al noted that trout fishing in Connetquot State Park has slowed from it's hectic early pace but some nice fish are still being taken.

In East Islip, Ireene of **Peppys Bait & Tackle** spoke of good fishing during the week but a tough weekend off of Heckscher. Pete Arbczewski and Barbara Loeffler, aboard the Ishtar, checked in 25 flatties up to a pound and a half taken at buoy 29 on bloodworms and mussel and corn chum. Dave Hefner fished buoy 27 to the tune of 27 flounder of Friday.

From his Bay Shore hop, Carl Miller of **Smokeys Bait & Tackle** told of Steve Brooks, Oakdale, who took 123 flounder over two days during the week at Heckscher. Among the catch were 15 fish over 2 lbs. Worms and clams were the bait and heavy mussel chum was the key. A sign of things to come, Carl had heard that a gillnetter working in 60 feet of water took a load of mackerel during the week and that the pound nets produced a few macks on Wednesday.

"Good one day-bad the next" so said Capt. Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Casey Lee.** The inconsistent action can be directly attributed to the weather reminded the skipper. "Good weather-good fishing and bad weather-slow fishing" has been the rule. some nice fish were taken on the Bay Shore flats late last week and this fishing should improve rapidly negating the run

Captree's flounder fleet reported mixed results with the weather being the greatest factor. Wind, fog and rapidly changing water temperatures have all contributed to the erratic

fishing, according to most skippers.

Captain Rod Westerlind of the **Captain Rod** spoke of a good shot of fish late in the day on Sunday off of Sailors Haven. As a rule, most being taken have been in the 1-2 lb. range.

Captain Richie Abrams of the **Capt. Whittaker** was another skipper who salvaged an otherwise poor day on Sunday with a late afternoon flurry. It seems the fish took hold as the winds laid down on the first part on incoming water. The skipper reminded that this week the flood tide will be in the morning which should provide some good action.

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** told of doing a good job at Heckscher and off of Cherry Grove on Thursday, but said fishing slacked off on the weekend due to the weather. The skipper also reminded that this Saturday is Captree's Blessing of the Fleet. See the "Pass It On" section of the magazine for more details.

Captain Ed Laske of the charter boat **Dixie** had as good a time watching as his fares did catching flounder on Thursday's charter for 35 youngsters from the Flushing YMCA. The skipper found plenty of big flounder off of Patchogue and Heckscher for the youngsters who had the time of their lives.

The charter boat **Flying Dutchmen**, skippered by Capt. Dennis Frederick, fished a party of retired Grumman employees on Friday. They accounted for 75 flounder up to 2¼ lbs. at Point O' Woods. Best action was on the flood tide. Fishing in the same area was slow on Saturday due to the poor weather conditions according to the skipper.

Both the **Capt. Dan** and **Capt. Leitch** spoke of a couple of good days during the week and slow fishing on the weekend. They have been working the Heckscher area where nearly all of the fish taken are good size. Both boats' skippers look for some decent weather to settle the fishing down.

With the Captree Overlook Pier put out of commission by ice damage, shore casters have found slim pickings from the Fisherman's Walk and Robert Moses piers though a few flatties are being taken inside the boat basins at Robert Moses. Most pier fishermen opt instead for the Jones Beach Piers said Bobby of the **Captree Bait Station.**

Most boats from the Babylon area have been working to the east towards Heckscher but a few are finding fish close by. Again, the weather has been a key factor.

From **Babylon Fishing Station**, Bill McKluskie told of a private boat that took 32 flatties in the Babylon Cut on Saturday. Sunday was a total loss due to the wind. A few decent catches were made prior to the weekend just off of the Babylon pool and near the Captree Bridge according to Bill.

Despite Sunday's wind, Bob Schwartz and his son Paul took 14 flatties in the 1-1¾ lb. range at Heckscher. Ski Kochanskie of **Augie's**

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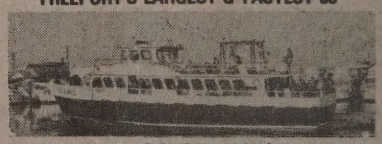

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Bait and Tackle, who checked the catch, knew firsthand that some nice catches were made in the State Channel behind Grass Isand during the week. Worms and mussel chum on the last of incoming tide worked best here and at the Lindenhurst Cut. Ski repeated Carl Miller's report of a gillnetter taking over a thousands lbs. of mackerel in 60' of water, but no word on any hook and line fish yet.

Babylon's Captains' Association boats that joined the flattie search on the weekend include the **Pooka V, Luci II** and the **Tilichi.** Mixing their fishing between Heckscher and the State Channel, all reported fair catches of flounder despite the adverse conditions. Bigger fish were found on the Heckscher grounds. The Association boat, **Capt. Mick**, is now booking 6 man charters for weakfish.

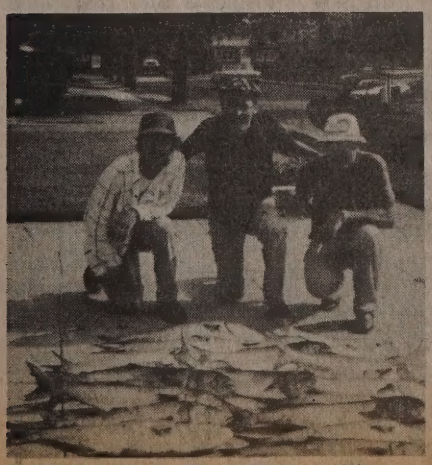
Over at **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle**, Mike had a report of flounder being taken from Copiague's Tanner Park Pier. Bill "The Locksmith" had seven there himself on worms.

For boatmen, Joe Pappalardi worked Wanser's Cut and took 31 flounder up 2 lbs. on worms and mussel chum during the week. Southard's Pond continues to entertain freshwater fans. On Sunday, Sal Lecce had 2 rainbows, 6 yellow perch and released a couple of largemouth bass all on a #1 gold Mepps Spinner. He also reported seeing a brown trout of about 4 lbs. taken by another angler. Mike Cannet checked in 14" brown which also came from Southard's Pond.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Depending on who you speak to, fishing in this area varied from picky to very good. As usual, a couple of outstanding catches prove that when everything is right, you can really do a job.

Gary Corbett of **Jonas Bait & Tackle** in Copiague said that his customers reported tough picking over the weekend in the Massapequa Cove



Tad, Art and Dave Picker with a nice catch of blues in the 8-15 lb. range made last summer aboard the Freeport open boat, "Starstream II."

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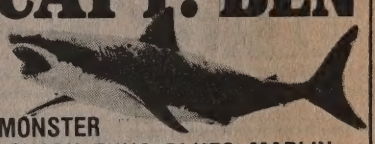
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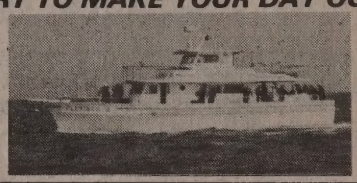

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area. He did have reports of some nice trout still being taken out of Southard's Pond in Babylon. No word on Massapequa Reservoir.

Bud Toomey of **Pearl Gray Fishing Station** agreed that most boatmen only picked away due to the poor weather conditions. He looks for steadier fishing once this weather settles down.

If one went back to Thursday and Friday, good action seemed to be the rule in Massapequa Cove and at Ft. Neck Point. A good showing of fish also in the State Channel opposite Long Point according to Lou Wanser of **Wanser's Bait and Tackle**. Lon spoke of Bob and Ed Marcel who took 50 flatties to 1¼ lbs. at the latter spot on Thursday. At Ft. Neck Point on Friday, Dennis "Red Beard," and George Mannino totalled nearly 100 keepers. Heavy chumming was a factor in both cases.

Art Wright of **Captain Eddie's Fishing Station** agreed that the best action is concentrated in the Massapequa Cove area and the best scores were made during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday rather than over the weekend. Anthony, Frank and Jack Giannola, along with Lorrie Mangan, had 40 fish in the cove early in the week.

The open boat Chinco, skippered by Captain Brian, has been making good scores whenever the weather cooperates with the fish beginning to show a preference for worms. Captain Brian has been working Mass. Cove, Merrick Point, and the bridges. The ebb tide is producing the best scores in these areas.

Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Flounder catches generally speaking in this area have run from picky to good depending on which boat was fishing what spot on which day. The final inconsistencies caused by the raging winds and melting snows are about finished and solid scores should be more consistent from here on in. Out of Freeport, we find that the **Capt. Lou III** had some good catches during the week, topped by a high hook of 30 fish on Friday. All the fish are big, said the skipper, up to 2½ lbs., fished locally. The **Capt. Lou IV** with its half-day trips had catches of from 6-24 flounder a man. Mussels has been the best bait, followed by worms. Both tides have been producing. The **Aloma** out of Freeport found fishing picky to fair during the week. The boat will be adding mackerel to its flounder schedule and will be sailing 3:30pm to 8:30pm everyday in addition to flounder. Watch for this in their ad. The **Super Spray II** out of Freeport has been working away on flounder also. On Sunday morning's trip Joe Grecco had 15 fish from 1-2 lbs. In Saturday's fog, good sized fish were picked in the inlet. Twelve-year-old Mike DiMonico of Freeport had 12 flatties on Saturday morning's trip. The boat will be mackerel fishing very soon. Keep eye on ad for change. Freeport's **Capt. Al** prior to the weekend found fishing good at Squaw Island, with Friday's catches particularly large in size. The skipper says that the pros can catch up to 25 fish a day, no problem. Swift Creek has

Mark Burillo and Mike Nagri with a bunch of mackerel taken last May out of Freeport on the "Starstream II."

been building. As soon as the macks come within striking range, the boat will be switching over to daily mackerel trips.

Anthony's Fishing Station in Freeport tells of a good weekend of catches . Two seniors from NYC scored with 18 flatties to 1½ lbs. fishing Long Creek and Fundy. Catches are averaging 4-8 flounder per man fishing the aforementioned areas and also High Flats drain on worm, clam and mussel. **Sea Isle Sports** in Freeport had people coming in with good catches of flatties from Merrick Bay and Hole in the Bay and at the change of tide, from Jones Inlet, buoy 8 area. Mussels and worms are working the best. Ronnie advises that you try the small yellow Grub lures in combo with a chunk of sand worm. He says it's dynamite. Wrapping up Freeport's codfishing picture, we note that the **Starstream II** skippered by Captain Richie Kessinger continue to wail away on big baccala. On Thursday, Hillsdale, NJ angler Burt Goldberg grabbed the $440 cod pool with a 54 lber., while Stan Prus of Bellerose managed a meager 52 lber. A 36 lb. pollack bagged a $215 pollack pool for Chris Lacafria of Sheepshead Bay. Ray Suarez of Staten Island took a 38 lb. hake. On Sunday's regular cod trip, high hook was Dan Wong of Brooklyn with 24 cod including the 34 lb. pool fish. Starting Saturday April 24th the boat will begin its 6:30 a.m. daily mackerel trips.

Swinging down to Pt. Lookout we call to your attention that now sailing out of this port is the **Capt. Bill**, skippered by Captain Bill Lindroth. This vessel formerly sailed out of Woodcleft Canal in Freeport. Bill is continuing his daily schedule of two trips a day for flounder. See ad for details.

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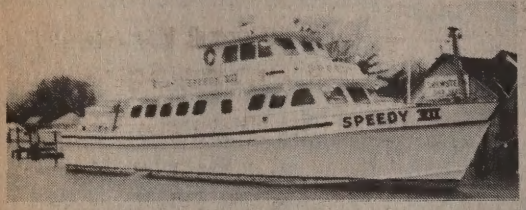

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Monday afternoon's high hook was 30 fish, all taken at the inlet. The skipper notes that Reynolds Channel is now picking up. On Thursday morning's trip, the golf course area produced nicely. Friday saw over 300 flounder taken on the boat, between Reynolds Channel and the inlet with fish mixed sizes between 3/4 and 2 lbs., with very few throwbacks. With Reynolds and Swift Creek on the upswing, catches should be very good to excellent, if only the weather will stay calm. Saturday morning's trip at the inlet saw roughly 100 flounder caught and an additional 80 fish were picked in Reynolds before the boat had to return to the Pt. Lookout marina for the afternoon trip. Sunday's fishing in the wind was picky. For the skiff fishermen, **Ed's Fishing Station,** Pt. Lookout tells of a lot more fish activity this week as evidenced by Pat Stillone, Ken McCormack and John Costigan, all of Oceanside with their 38 flounder up to 1½ lbs. taken on mussel and worm Friday. Saturday saw three 2 lbers in the bucket of Roy Mele and Bob Wiegand of Jersey City fishing buoy 19 at the golf course. They had a total of 19 flounder, all of very good size. Brooklyn fisherman Devillo Holmes and Silvio and John Manini, accounted for 28 flatties in the flats on mussels, fish going from 1-2 lbs. and all nice and fat. Hank Linden of Hartsdale, NY, Gerry Kumer of Flushing and Jack Greene of Plainview had 25 flounder on the flats using mussel and worm as hook bait. There's more quantity and quality now reports Marilyn, anywhere from the bridge to the golf course on the change through outgoing.

Over in Baldwin Harbor, **Thompson's Deli** tells of weighing in large fat flounder in the 2 lb. category taken from Milburne Creek. Jan also tells of Bill Fix and crew on the boat Afternoon Delight with 15 flounder from 1½ to 2 lbs. on Sunday's incoming tide. Middle Bay at pole 9 off Boces has been productive as has the mouth of Scow Creek, we hear from Jack at **Arthur Street Fishing Station.** The weekend saw good catches here on bloodworms and lots of chum. Incoming was best Saturday and outgoing best on Sunday, with the fish all fat and averaging 1½ lbs.

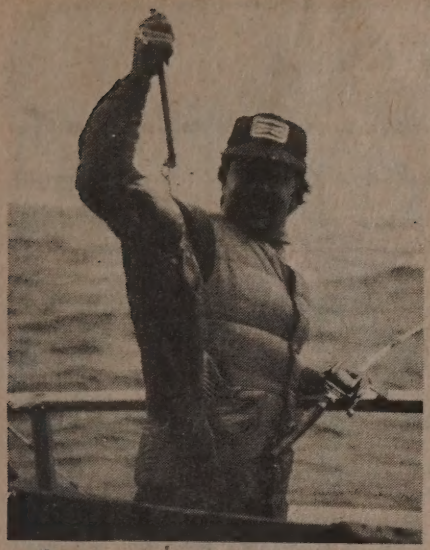
Further down at Atlantic Beach, Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** informs us that the flounder are biting their heads off in the back at Duck Point and at the Magnolia Ave. Pier. Also Beach 17th Street at Deb's Inlet remains a choice spot. All moving water is working says Al, with worms and mussels. Some blackfish starting at the Silver Point jetty on clam, worm or crab.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Down in East Rockaway, **Skippy's Tackle** tells of the huge size flatties but also laments their lack of quantity. On Friday a 2 lb. 6 oz. fish was weighed in as were lots of 1½-2 lbers. Best spots have been Hog Channel, the Oyster Beds and the flats. Skip hasn't seen a fish under 3/4 lbs. all month, he says. Any moving water is working with the usual baits mussel, worm and clam.

In Island Park, Captain Clem of the **Commodore** finds the flounder still spotty and not really hitting strong... many fish are still lip-hooked. On Wednesday's trip, Joseph Bucalo of Massapequa, bagged a 2½ lber. Joseph, his brother and dad totalled 15 flatties and took the $74 pool. On Thursday's trip the $58 pool went to Danny Dipizza with a 2¼ lber.

Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook tells of customer Candace Hendrickson of Queens Village who fished aboard Sheepshead Bay open boat **Zephyr** Saturday using the small yellow flounder tails along with a chunk of worm and took a 2½ lb. flounder which gave her the pool. Candace had 6 other fish as well and was the only woman on the boat and the only one using these small yellowtails, which Charlie says are pure dynamite, simulating a blob of mussel. Reynolds Channel does not have many but has



A recent offshore wreck trip aboard the Freeport charter boat "Blue Fin II," produced this 9½ lb. blackfish for Alan Hecht of Ozone Park.

large flatties this past week up to 3 lbs. Quality fish. No doubt about it. Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Tom** out of Island Park, Tom and Bob Nagy and crew of 3 fished a local wreck Saturday scoring with 175-200 cod in 160' of water. One-third of the fish were small, but 2/3 went 15-25 lbs. all on bait.

A very good week of flatties is reported by **Long Beach Sports Marina** for boat fishermen, surf casters and pier fishermen. The station's Proline and Dory fleet averaged 25 flounder per boat, with fish up to 2 lbs. Frank Trevina and Mike Lyons totalled 44 flounder to 2 lbs. on bloods and mussel chum in Hog Channel. Surf caster Peter Sellers fished off the Malibu beach and took 10 flounder to 1¾ lbs. on sand worms. The Magnolia Pier has been very productive for fish up to 2 lbs.

Over in Jamaica Bay, **J-Bay Boat Rental** had 5 boats out Saturday fishing 200' off Northwest Point. All the boats had 25-40 fish on blood worms and mussels and a lot of mussel chum. Incoming was best and there were no midgets. John at **Cross Bay Bait & Tackle** in Howard Beach also told of very good flounder activity off the North and South Channel bridges and at Silver Hole, just a little east of the railroad trestle in Broad Channel. Glendale angler George Muller had 8 fish ti 1½ lbs. chumming with mussels and mussels as hook bait also. Lorenzo Vanella had 12 flatties to 1½ lbs. off the south channel bridge on mussels. A few blackfish starting. Flounder hitting on both tides and it looks like a good spring run.

Further to the west in Sheepshead Bay we get reports of excellent blackfish catches aboard the **Pilot II**. Despite the weekend's winds, Saturday and Sunday still saw superb blackfish angling off the Jersey Coast. The skipper reported fish from 1-7 lbs. on green crab, clam and conch. A few ling were mixed in also. Saturday's trip saw 30-35 a fish man not uncommon. Sunday's fish ran even bigger than Saturday's. Sunday saw a lot of 3 and 4 lb. fish. Catches averaged 15-25 blacks a man Sunday. Aboard the flounder boat **Zephyr**, fares caught not quantity, but very good quality fish ranging from 1¾ lbs. to 3 lbs. Friday saw a 4 lb. pool winner and a 3 lb. 14 oz. fish on Sunday. The boat has been fishing off Annandale, Belford Flats and Leonardo Flats. The larger fish want worms. Sal at **Stella Maris Tackle** tells of lots of blackfish now being caught at the jetties, on wrecks and off the Jersey rocks, plus the pilings at the marine parkway bridge on clams and worms. Not huge and not tiny, says Sal. Flounder still being caught at Silver Hole and off Manhattan Beach on worms.

Across the VZ bridge in Staten Island, **Santos Sports** tells us that the flounder are still providing good action at Great Kills Park where they are averaging 1 lb., South Beach and Stapleton Piers. Worms are the ticket. Blackfish are just starting on worms and clam.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

WESTERN SOUND

Fishing began to pick up over the weekend for the open boats fishing outside waters. Small boaters remained inshore picking at smaller flounder.

Party boats out of City Island did reasonabley well after a late week lull. Pete Anderson spent Saturday and Sunday in Oyster Bay with the **North Star** and reported daily catches anywhere from 10-40 fish per rod for the weekend. Fish were mixed sized from ½ lb. to 1½ lb.-the pool winner. Dom Cerbone found most of the action for the **Apache** in Oyster Bay where the clammers and oyster boats were working. 12-20 fish per man were the rule. When he explored Lloyds, he found a few nice 1-1½ lb. flounder. Ed Heilemann worked Northport waters at the end of the outgoing with the Ebb Tide, the went into Oyster Bay where the fish were smaller. Heilmann says that there are

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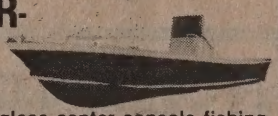
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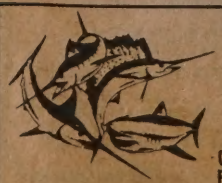
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a lot of throwbacks, but that 20-40 keepers per rod is not unusual. Worms score much better than other baits in that area.

Joe fink had a pretty good day on Saturday with the **Lady Lil** off Peacock Point and the Bayville Beaches. Large pieces of sandworm were recommended. John Loughton pulled an hones 2¼ lb. fish to take the pool, and high hook Lewis Rerranolino had 29 fish. Fink will be putting the new **Lady Lilll** into service late this week.

Inshore around Glen Cove, the Entire area seemed to be producing harbor flounder with a 25-50% keeper rate. Pryble Beach, Taplin's, and Bar Beach were all mentioned in a report from the **Glen Cove Sport Shop**.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

In cold waters to the west, flounder fishing was just beginning to pick up for the large boats that could get outside to the fish. Small boaters were working close for harbor flounder.

John Fisher reported a pretty good weekend for the **Aqua Gem**, despite the weather. He tried a few runs outside to Kings Park and the Nissequogue area during the week and found steady weekend action in Setauket Harbor. Catches of 20-25 fish per rod ran ½ to 1¾ lb. with mussels taking more fish but worms producing larger ones. Pool winner Blackfish Tom had a 1¾ **lb. flattie, with high hook Marty Goldblatt accounting for 35 fish.**

Henry Olsen took the **Captain Hank** out on her maiden voyage Saturday and stayed inside the Breakwater of the Port Jefferson Narrows. Flounder

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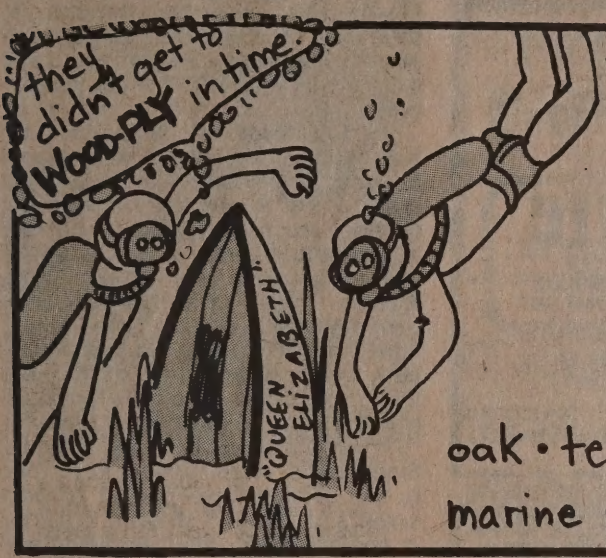

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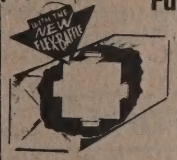

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Nick Manzeri found some nice sized fish on the **Speedy VII** at the tip of Lloyds with a slow pick through the days over the weekend. Largest fish were over 2 lbs. but anglers could still catch a lot of little fish at certain drops.

Inside Lloyds, Duck arbor, and Huntington Bay, there were samll flounder to be caught by small boat anglers, but it was too tough to get outside, according to Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** and bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop and Tackle.** Crab Meadow might be a good bet when fishermen can get there. Meanwhile, most inshore anglers around Northport are confined to the harbor and the Town Dock, according to **Bowman's.**

Throwback to keeper ratios in Mount Sinai Harbor were running about one to two. Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** expects fish to start showing outside3 in another week. Port Jefferson and Mount Sinai were probably not as good right now as Setauket Harbor, said Dick Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods.** Brown reported that John Wolf took a charter up to Northville and did pretty well on Thursday with some big flounder.

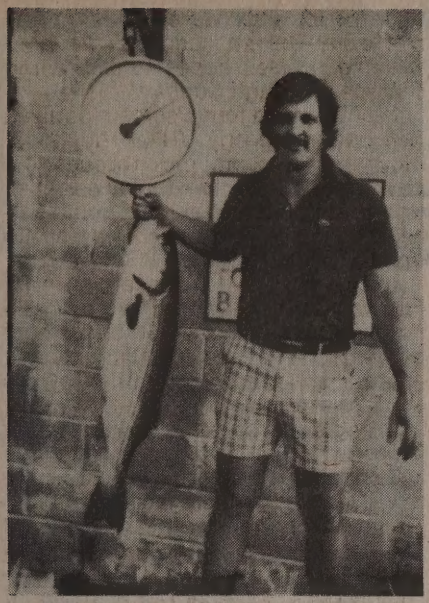
NORTH FORK

Ed Kpack at **Warren's** saw a catch of 43 flounder from Rose's Grove on Friday taken by heavy chumming with mussels. Fish were firm but mud-covered. Most anglers in the Rose's-Nassau Point area on Friday were lucky to come away with a half dozen fish, however, and the high boat at **Captain Mary's** that day had only 14.

Cedar Beach drove the diehards crazy. Frank and Red Manarel took a pair of anglers up to the area on Thursday and pulled 35 flounder to 2½ lbs. On Friday, they worked the same spots for five hours and boated only 7. Sal Loria told us that a private boat also scored on Sunday in Rose's in 14-20 ft. of water, but no livey craft were rented on that day because of the strong water lies.

Dering Harbor was one of the more consistent areas, according to information from Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** and Jim Dunkirk at the **Port of Egypt.** Joe Falcone headmanned a boat with 3 people on Saturday and pulled 35 flounder to 2 lbs. on incoming water in a three hour period. South Ferry, Smith's Cove, and the Oyster Factory were still producing fish as well. Dave Brennan's high hook was about 25 fish from Dering, and the last of the incoming water seemed to be the best. Dave warned that the fish seemed to develop lockjaw when the tide turned.

The flounder fishing in this northeast outpost has been very good since



Bill Olsen used a sandworm to take this 26½ lb. striper at Eaton's Neck last June. It was weighed at Four Winds Bait & Tackle in Huntington.

Thursday, as evidenced by catches aboard the **Brand X** Thursday through Saturday of an average of 200 flatties per day and the same fine catches Thursday through Sunday aboard the **Peconic Star**. The **Brand X** will now be working for bigger fish in L.I. Sound and off Gardiner's. Shelter Island fish are running 3/4 to 1½ lbs. According to Art White at **A.P. White Tackle** the charter boat **Nancy Ann** had 170 flounder for its charter on the weekend fishing East Marion, Dering Harbor and Cedar Beach with clam, worms and mussels. Art also informs us that the fish traps are loading up with mackerel and heard on his VHF Monday morning that the Greeport flounder boats were accidentally catching mackerel when rigs were being reeled in, so it looks like the macs are taking up residence.

Both Charlie Carattis at the mattituck Inlet Fishing Station and Jerry McGrath of the **Nostalgia** provided us with a picture of the problems around Mattituck Inlet. The few flounder that cooperate are large, but it's not unusual to drift, chum, and sweat for a whole tide before locating a fish or two. 10-20 fish per boat were the best numbers for the week but numbers fell to low single digits over the weekend. The area west of the inlet was the best spot for flatties with Duck Pond as yet unproductive.

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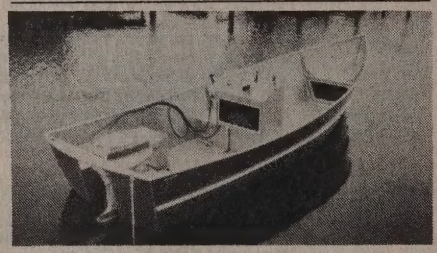

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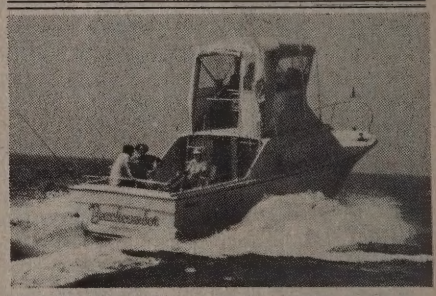

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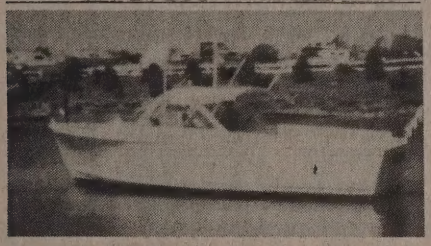

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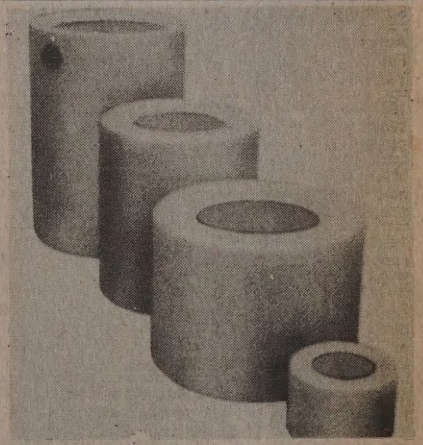

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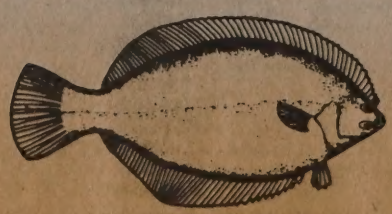

DANCE A JIG FOR FUN

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tube lure with just a fish or two on the metal jig. The preferred colors are either green, dark red or black.

The manner of retrieve is one of the most difficult parts of fishing the jig/tube combo. Many of us are geared to a fast retrieve, picked up from years of bluefishing and weakfishing. Well, in this type of fishing, you can't really go slow enough. Someone new to this game will think you're kidding them when they see how slow the retrieve is. The rate of retrieve should be so slow that when you barely see the tube swivel through the water—then you're going slow enough. There are a couple of reasons for the slow retrieve. First, the pollack and the codfish more so, are not as quick as a blue or a weak when they take a jig. Codfish, although aggressive feeders at times, really want something that isn't too quick. A big pollack will take a lure at a slightly faster clip. Secondly, the waters in which you're fishing are swirling masses of tide and coupled with a wind that will allow a fast drift, all you want to do basically is keep the tube and the jig close to the bottom. The motion of the tide and drift is such that natural movement will be imparted to the lures with just a minimal amount of retrieve.

The codfish spend virtually all of their time within the bottom 10' of water and that's where you want to have your lure most of the time. For anyone who has caught cod only on clam baits will really appreciate the way in which a cod will take a tube or a jig, even a small 5 lb. fish. They don't bang it like a blue or a weak, but it's more like just a grab and then a heavy weight for a second or two before the fish begins to fight. And yes, cod do fight quite well when they are taken on a jig, especially in the shallower water. Pollack will tend to take a jig with a little more zest and because of their generally larger size, will really put on a show. What often happens with the pollack is that you will hook a fish on the tube lure, and if there is another fish close by, it will grab the trailing jig as it is carried violently through the water.

Although fish can be caught using this method from an anchored boat, they would have to be extra heavy and stacked right up underneath your boat. Even then, it would be difficult to impart the proper action so necessary for effective use of the combo lure. Even a fast drift won't hurt you as long as you keep the lure in the feeding zone of either the cod or the pollack.

More and more people are starting to see the effectiveness of this new technique, and I would venture a guess that the skimmer clam will take a back seat when the pollack and cod show up at Block Island this spring.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	6:30	6:50	7:15	7:35	7:05	7:25	7:55	8:15	9:45	10:00	9:45	10:05	6:25	6:45	4/22
FRI.	7:15	7:35	8:00	8:15	7:45	8:05	8:40	9:00	10:30	10:45	10:35	10:50	7:10	7:30	4/23
SAT.	8:00	8:20	8:40	9:00	8:30	8:50	9:30	9:45	11:15	11:30	11:20	11:40	7:55	8:20	4/24
SUN.	9:50	10:05	10:30	10:50	10:20	10:40	11:20	11:30	–	1:05	–	1:10	9:45	10:05	4/25
MON.	10:40	10:55	11:20	11:40	11:15	11:35	–	12:10	1:20	1:55	1:25	2:00	10:35	10:55	4/26
TUE.	11:35	11:55	–	12:10	–	12:15	12:25	1:05	2:10	2:50	2:20	2:55	11:30	11:50	4/27
WED.	–	12:35	12:35	1:10	12:35	1:20	1:20	2:05	3:05	3:55	3:15	3:55	–	12:25	4/28
THUR.	12:55	1:40	1:35	2:20	1:35	2:20	2:25	3:15	4:05	5:20	4:15	5:00	12:50	1:30	4/29

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Nianfic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

4/23	5:07	6:50
4/24	5:06	6:51
4/25	6:04	7:52
4/26	6:03	7:53
4/27	6:01	7:54
4/28	6:00	7:55
4/29	5:58	7:56

Moonrise/Moonset

4/23	5:20AM	6:37PM
4/24	5:53AM	7:51PM
4/25	7:31AM	10:06PM
4/26	8:15AM	11:18PM
4/27	9:06AM	–
4/28	10:04AM	12:25AM
4/29	11:07AM	1:24AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
4/23	4/1	4/8	4/16

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SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original *KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES*. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:25	9:30	3:40	9:55
Fri.	4:10	10:15	4:25	10:45
Sat.	5:00	11:15	5:25	11:40
Sun.	6:55	12:40	7:40	1:15
Mon.	8:00	1:50	8:35	2:20
Tues.	9:00	2:50	9:35	3:20
Wed.	10:05	3:55	10:45	4:30
Thurs.	11:15	5:05	11:45	5:30

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